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A Survivor Of The Disease Herself...

Ann Favreau Joins National Initiative To Fight Colon Cancer

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

It's a subject most people don't even want to talk about: their reluctance born of equal measures of fear and embarrassment.

But one indomitable Feeding Hills woman has been speaking out for years, raising awareness on the issues surrounding colorectal cancer and promoting preventing and early detection as the key weapons in the fight against a largely preventable and curable killer disease.

Last week, retired kindergarten teacher Ann Favreau traveled to the White House to join First Lady Hillary Clinton in launching a national initiative to help spread the word about the importance of colorectal cancer prevention and early detection.

Mrs. Favreau has been a tireless advocate for educating the public and getting out the message on the importance of putting aside squeamishness to get screened for colon cancer ever since she was diagnosed 10 years ago.

"I don't mind being a model who says, 'I had a colostomy,'" Mrs. Favreau said. "This is not a stigma — it saved my life. I've seen my 40th wedding anniversary and two more grandchildren. And I was able to keep working."

From her vantage point in the second row of invited guests in the East Room of the White House, Mrs. Favreau, a 10-year cancer survivor, listened to remarks from the First Lady, Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala, co-anchor of NBC's *Today* show Katie Couric, National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable Chair Bernard Levin, M.D., and *Good Housekeeping* Editor-in-Chief Ellen Levine.

The vice-president-elect of the United Ostomy Association, Mrs. Favreau is the past president and a board member of the Ostomy Association of Greater Springfield. She was invited along with four other colon cancer survivors from across the country to attend the White House reception.

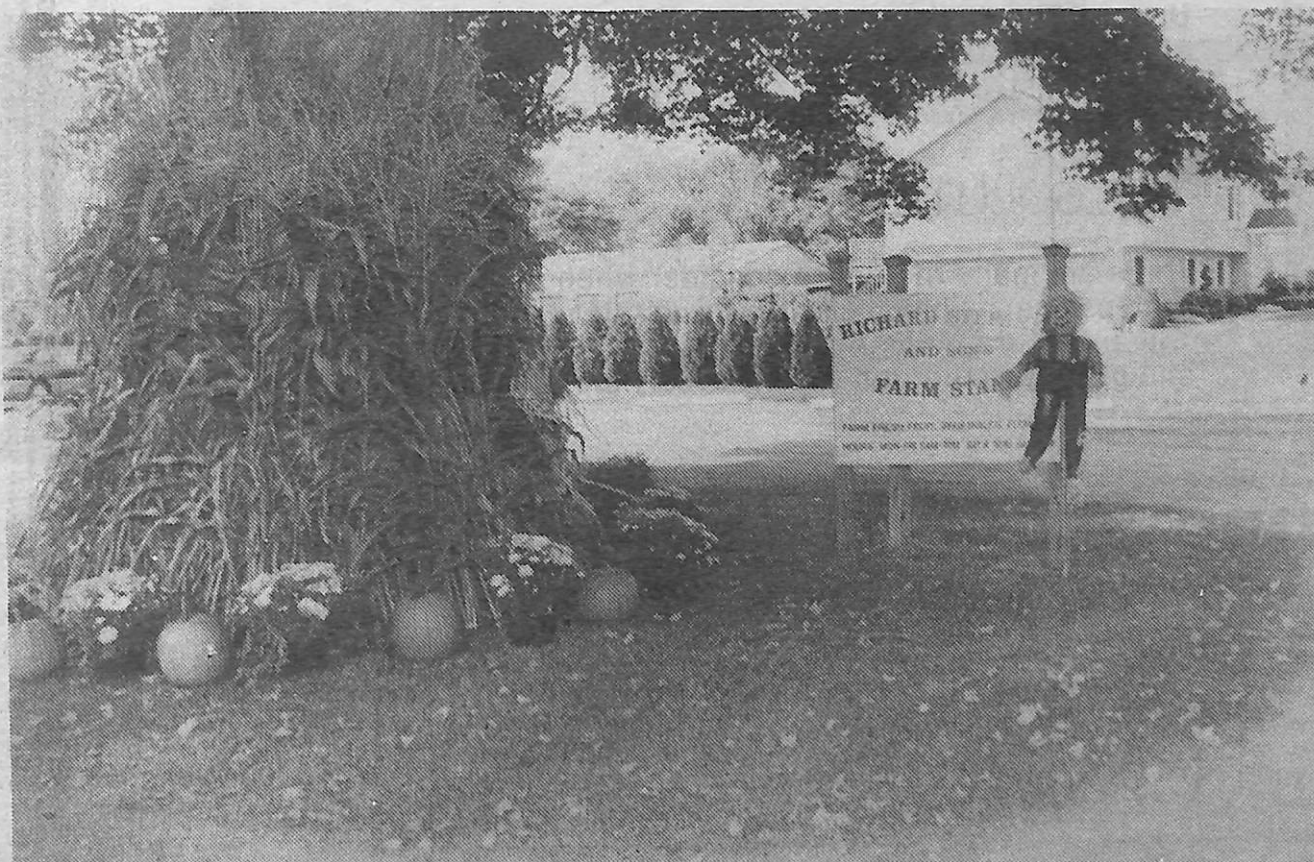
"I'd never been to the White House before and it's impossible to describe in words how it felt to go there as an invited guest," Mrs. Favreau said. "After the presentation, we were called to meet the First Lady. I gave her a book of my poetry, dedicated to bowel and bladder diversion patients, and she spoke to each of us."

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ANN FAVREAU, a retired Agawam kindergarten teacher, traveled to the White House last week to participate in the national fight against colorectal cancer. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Pick Your Painted Pumpkin...



AT RICHARD STEPANIK AND SON'S FARM STAND, located at 1039 Shoemaker Lane, Feeding Hills, pumpkins are ready to be picked for the Halloween season. Painted by Jean Joy and Darlene Joy A'Hearn, these colorful gourds will certainly please your little boys and "ghouls." (See additional photos in "Spotlight On Business.") Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Sale Of Bondi's Incinerator Hinges On Town Council

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Plans for an Albany, New York firm specializing in the resource recovery business for the past 17 years to purchase the trash incinerator on Bondi's Island depend on Town Council approval of a new contract for Agawam's solid waste disposal.

At their Monday, September 21st meeting, Town Council will consider a proposal to enter into a contract for trash removal with eco/Springfield, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Energy Answers Corporation.

The Albany-based company is proposing to turn a money-losing venture into a financial success based on their years of experience in successfully operating waste-to-energy facilities that serve over 40 communities in southeastern Massachusetts. The company also operates the Pittsfield Resource Recovery Facility, which uses the same technology employed at the Bondi's Island incinerator.

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FAVREAU - from Page 1...

"It was clear to me that Mrs. Clinton had read all five profiles of the cancer survivors and she understood what we'd been through. It was only for a short time, but when she was there with us, she was really there."

Mrs. Clinton Urges Americans To Be Screened...

In speaking to the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable of scientists, physicians, and cancer survivors, Mrs. Clinton urged Americans aged 50 and older to be screened for colorectal cancer. "You can prevent colon cancer, even beat it. In fact, if cancer is found early enough, the patient has more than a 90 percent chance of survival," Mrs. Clinton said.

In trying to put the number of colon cancer deaths in perspective, Mrs. Clinton said it would take 250 disasters like the Swissair crash off the coast of Canada to equal the number of people who die from colorectal cancer every year.

Dr. Levin added, "Widespread screening for colorectal cancer could reduce the death rate from this killer by over 50 percent. There is no other disease about which we can make this claim."

Today co-anchor Katie Couric, whose husband Jay Monahan succumbed to colon cancer at the age of 42, delivered a powerful message urging everyone, regardless of their age, to be screened for the disease if any one in their families or extended families has ever been diagnosed with any type of cancer.

"More than 50,000 people die each year from colorectal cancer," Mrs. Favreau said. "About half of these deaths could be prevented by screening and early detection of the disease. There has never been a national effort to raise awareness of colon cancer, and the First Lady said that until the American public can say words

like colon, bowel, or rectum without shame or fear, we are never going to be able to combat this disease."

A world traveler who's been to Windsor Castle and Versailles, Mrs. Favreau admits to being awed by the experience of visiting the White House.

"It was overwhelming, yet I felt very comfortable and welcome there," Mrs. Favreau said. "It was like being in someone's very gracious home. And to think Matt Lauer and Katie Couric sat right behind us, and Katie spoke to me like I was her sister."

Initiatives Unveiled At The White House...

Among the initiatives unveiled last week at the White House gathering were Public Service Announcements featuring Mrs. Clinton and the creation of a colorectal cancer chat room sponsored by the American Digestive Health Foundation.

The chat room debuted last week with cancer survivor Barbara Barrie, co-star of the NBC sitcom *Suddenly Susan* and the author of the 1997 book *Second Act: Life After Colostomy and Other Adventures*, as a guest expert. Ms. Barrie appeared live on the Internet to discuss her experiences as a cancer survivor last Friday and will respond to questions posted on the chat room's message board for the remainder of the month. The chat room is located at www.gastro.org/adhf.html.

For comprehensive information on colon cancer, the October issue of *Good Housekeeping* features an in-depth look at all the issues including prevention and early detection and legislation being proposed to increase funding for research and prevention.

Mrs. Favreau taught kindergarten in Agawam Public Schools for 27 years and came out of retirement for three years to spearhead curriculum review under former School Superintendent Bernard Ryder.

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**TOWN OF AGAWAM
AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, September 24, 1998 at 7:00 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Mass. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability for Lapan for property located at 82 Joanne Circle.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission
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Melconian Announces State Grant To Ag. Cultural Council

Senate Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian and Agawam Cultural Council Chair Sylvia Deliso are pleased to announce the award of a grant for \$18,403 from the Massachusetts Cultural Council to the Agawam Cultural Council.

The money will be regranted by the local council to fund applications for community cultural programs and PASS, a ticket subsidy program for schoolchildren.

"The local grants play a significant role in our community's cultural and economic life," Melconian said. "This funding continues a tradition of public support for culture in Massachusetts."

Organizations and individuals interested in applying for grants should contact the local council chairperson or town hall in their community for more information. Tuesday, October 15th is the statewide deadline for all local cultural councils to accept applications.

The Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) is a state agency that supports public programs in the arts, sciences, and humanities. A total of \$3.9 million has been distributed this year to local Cultural Councils statewide, up from \$3.7 million last year.

The MCC allocates money to 336 local cultural councils serving every community in Massachusetts. Each community's allocation is determined using a local aid formula. The local councils, which are run by municipally-appointed community volunteers, except applications from the community for projects in the arts, humanities, and sciences, that have a public benefit.

"I want to publicly express my gratitude to the residents who generously volunteer their time to work on the local councils in order to make quality programs available in our town," Melconian said.

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"Friends" Seek Nominees For Award

At the Annual Awards Dinner to be held at Ferruccio's on Thursday, October 22nd, the Friends of the Agawam Senior Center will be presenting an award to a person who assists another person or persons who cannot do for themselves.

Anyone can nominate a person who is over 60 years of age and has done the above. Forms will be available at the Agawam Senior Center or from any member of the "Friends Board."

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Attorney Scott M. Hibbert

is located in Feeding Hills at 546 Springfield Street.

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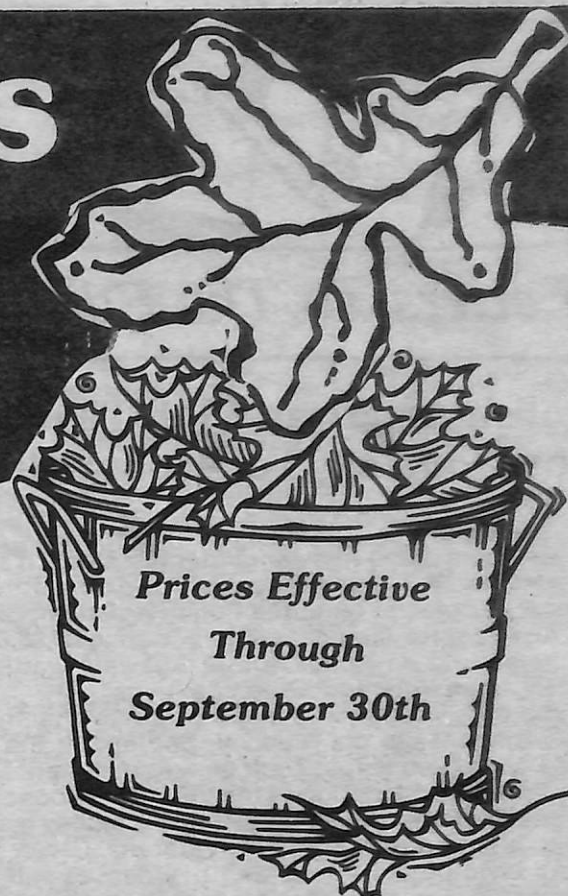
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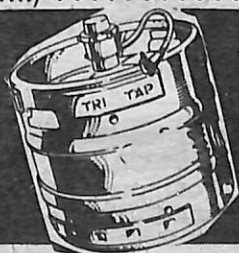
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Letters To The Editor

Polish American Club Thanked For Donating To 'Honor Roll'

To The Editor:

Members of the Agawam Veterans' Council and the Honor Roll Committee wish to express their sincere appreciation to the Polish American Club of Agawam for their generous donation of \$5,000 to help build an Honor Roll of Agawam wartime veterans on Veterans' Green next year.

The presentation was made by bingo chairman Bob Binnenkade on Tuesday, September 8th at the Polish Club bingo. Their generous donation is the first major donation of the Veterans' Council's largest and final phase of raising the money needed to erect an Honor Roll on Veterans' Green.

All civic organizations and businesses will be contacted for their assistance in making the Honor Roll a reality. The Honor Roll will cost approximately \$75,000 and while we have completed three years of research and have a design and estimated cost, we need donations to see the project through.

We appreciate the help both civic and businesses and some residents have provided toward completion of Veterans' Green over the years. However, we realize we need the help of community residents as well, and as a community, I believe we can get the job done. We'll announce some of our fundraising plans within the next few weeks.

We are now in the process of listing names of wartime veterans in the Veterans Corner of *The Agawam Advertiser News*. At present, we are publishing the World War II list. Watch for your name or the name of a loved one. This week, veterans whose last name begins with "R" will be listed. If you know of a veteran whose name is missing, please contact the veteran or his family or check with our office. With your help, we hope to make this Honor Roll as accurate as possible.

ONCE AGAIN, A HEARTY SALUTE TO THE POLISH AMERICAN CLUB OF AGAWAM BINGO CHAIRMAN BINNENKADE, ALL WORKERS, ESPECIALLY JIM GRIFFIN, WHO HAS BEEN A GREAT SUPPORT, AND EVERYONE WHO ATTENDS BINGO ON TUESDAY EVENINGS. IT MUST GIVE YOU GREAT SATISFACTION TO KNOW THAT IN ADDITION TO AN ENJOYABLE EVENING OF BINGO, YOU'RE ALSO HELPING OTHERS!

Sincerely,
Ruth Carr Bitzas
Veterans' Agent
Ed Kellogg, President
Agawam Veterans' Council

AHS Band Parents' Assoc. To Offer Shuttle Service To Big E

To The Editor:

The Agawam High School Band Parents are excited once again to be sponsoring Big E shuttle parking at the High School parking lot on the three weekends of The Big E.

Unlike last year's added stop at Wal-Mart in Westfield, this year's shuttle will run from the parking lot directly to The Big E every 30 minutes.

We want to thank everyone who has supported our band by parking at the High School and we hope to see you again this year!

AHS Band Parents' Association
Roxanne Borowiec, Secretary

Parks & Rec. Dept. Appreciates Help With Perry Lane Camps

To The Editor:

On behalf of the Town of Agawam Parks and Recreation Department, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the wonderful people and businesses that helped make the Perry Lane Day Camps a success this year.

Every summer Perry Lane hosts a Penny Carnival for the children in town. Many local businesses support this program with donations to be handed out as prizes to the children. This summer, we had a banner year.

The following businesses donated incredible prizes to make this the best carnival ever:

Bruno's Pizza, E.B.'s Restaurant, Games & Lanes, Hollywood Video, Linda Piccin, Nicky's Pizza, Stan's Soft Serve, Sunny's Ice Cream, and

The Sand Trap.

A special thank you goes out to the Lions Club for sponsoring their annual summer hot dog roast for over 200 campers. As always, a good time was had by all. Also, a big thanks to the Town of Agawam Police Department for hosting the bi-monthly bicycle rodeos and for spending quality time with the children. Thanks, DARE officers for caring.

I would also like to thank the following high school students who took time out of their busy summer schedules to volunteer their time at camp this summer:

Corey Federico, Michael Federico, Tim Corlett, Ashley Guilel, Bryan Ghedi, and Dan Owczarski.

And last, but not least, all the wonderful camp directors, specialists, counselors, lifeguards, and the camp nurse, who made camp a fun and safe place for the youth of Agawam.

Thank you to everyone and enjoy the school year!!

The Agawam Parks & Recreation Dept.

Sunday Night Summer Soccer League Is Again A Success

To The Editor:

The Sunday Night Summer Soccer League concluded its fourth successful season this past summer with league playoffs held recently at the Polish American Club in Agawam.

This year, the SNSSL was once again a hit with the players, spectators, and administrators. The number of participants grew to 184 with 12 men's division teams and four women's division teams.

In the end, Team Argentina took home the SNSSL Cup in the Men's Division and Team Norway ended up on top in the first year of the Women's Division.

There were many businesses and people that I would like to mention and thank them for their help. Without them, the SNSSL would not have the funds to be able to showcase and promote a high level of amateur soccer each summer.

I would like to thank area businesses, including Berkshire Power, Kick & Running, and West Side Sport Shop for their support and contributions.

Also, league administrators, including Glenn Olson, Dina Demarco, Mile Domaingue, and Janet Rousseau, who pitched in to make things run smoothly and effectively.

Thank you,
Jeff Rousseau
Director, SNSSL

Historical Assoc. Expresses Thanks For Fundraising Sale

To The Editor:

The Agawam Historical Association would like to thank the four young people who held a sale to earn funds for the Agawam Historical and Firehouse Museum.

We are proud of Rob Lombardi, Chris Lombardi, Delanie Sapelli, and DJ Sapelli!

It is wonderful to see young people who are interested in preserving the history of Agawam and protecting its historical treasures! The Agawam Historical and Firehouse Museum will become a reality because of support from citizens such as these four young people.

Thank you, Rob, Chris, Delanie, and DJ for the planning of this event and for the time that you gave.

Sincerely,
Ann Bradford
Corresponding Secretary
Agawam Historical Society

Regular Council Mtg. Agenda For Monday, Sept. 21st

1. Citizen's Speak Time
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes -
5. Declaration of Council President
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances

(a) Resolutions

1. TR-98-29-A Resolution Establishing Stop Signs at Various Intersections in the Town of Agawam (Mayor).

2. TR-98-30-A Resolution Establishing Stop Signs at the Intersections of Keller Circle and Deer Run Road with South Street (Mayor).

3. TR-98-31-A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Solid Waste Agreement with ECO/Springfield, LLC an Energy Answers Company (Mayor).

4. TR-98-32-A Resolution Confirming the Reappointment of Jay O'Sullivan, B1 Elizabeth Manor, Agawam, MA and Edward A. Kellogg, 173 North Westfield Street, FH, MA to the Agawam Veterans' Council for Terms to Expire April 1, 2000 (Mayor).

7. Report of Council Committees

None.

8. Elections

None.

9. Public Hearings

None.

10. Old Business

(a)

1. TOR-98-5-An Ordinance to Amend Art. II of Chapter 114 of the Code of the Town of Agawam Entitled Second Hand Motor Vehicles and to Delete Regulation No. 1 of the Rules and Regulations of the Agawam Town Council. (Submitted by the Agawam Town Council Rules Committee)(Tabled on 8/3/98 - Left on table 9/8/98 & ref. to Ordin. Comm.)(2nd Reading).

2. TOR-98-6-An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 61 of the Code of the Town of Agawam to Expand the Veterans' Council from Five Members to Seven Members (2nd Reading).

3. TOR-98-7-An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 49 Entitled "Personnel" of the Code of the Town of Agawam (Mayor)(Tabled on 9/8/98 and referred to Ordin. Comm.)(Mayor)(First Reading).

4. TO-98-34-Transfer-\$111,905 from Salary Reserve (16605-57350) to various Accounts (Mayor).

5. TO-98-35-Transfer-\$1,686 from Municipal Golf-Undistributed (65161-55000) to Municipal Golf-Regular Permanent Salary (65261-51010)(Mayor).

6. TO-98-36-Application for License for four (4) additional amusement devices for Riverside Park - 1623 Main St., Aga., MA

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TOWN OF AGAWAM PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with Article 8, Section 8-1(b) of the Agawam Town Charter, the Agawam Town Council will conduct a public hearing on Monday, October 5, 1998 at the Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA for the purpose of determining if the misuse of public funds has been allowed by the council and by the administration.

Ursula Retzler
Clerk of the Council

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BONDI'S ISLAND - from Page 1...

In a memo sent to the council earlier this month, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson supported the sale of the Springfield Resource Recovery Limited Partnership (SRRI) to eco/Springfield, noting the sale will result in a savings for Agawam of an estimated \$335,000 over the next five years (in addition to an incentive payment of \$191,261 from the Albany firm upon their acquisition of the facility).

Several Benefits To The Town

According to Johnson, the sale of the trash incinerator will benefit the town for several reasons, including the fact that it will result in the elimination of the guaranteed annual tonnage requirements of the town's contract with SRRI; it will dramatically reduce the town's potential financial exposure to pass-through costs based on changes in solid waste disposal laws; it will result in solid waste disposal savings because the town will pay only for the waste it delivers according to a simplified contract with defined tipping fees; and the town will have the security of a performance bond to guarantee the new owners' performance.

In order for the sale to go through, the 10 communities currently under contract to SRRI must enter into new solid waste contracts with eco/Springfield. So far, the sale of the plant has been approved by the nine other communities being served by SRRI, Johnson said.

Presently, Agawam has a contract for solid waste disposal with SRRI which calls for the delivery of guaranteed annual tonnage and the town is penalized if it fails to deliver the tonnage. The current deal also subjects the town to substantial pass-through costs of the environmental laws regulating solid waste disposal should change.

"State-mandated recycling and composting efforts have made it difficult for Agawam and the other contract communities to deliver their guaranteed annual tonnage amounts, thereby subjecting the communities to underage

penalties," Johnson said.

In supporting documentation sent to the council, Agawam Department of Public Works Superintendent John P. Stone points out that while the town will be paying a per ton rate slightly higher than the town would expect to pay under the SRRI agreement, the fact that the town will be paying only for the tons actually delivered will result in a projected savings of \$335,000 over the next five years.

"The more efficient the town can be in its recycling and composting efforts, the more the town will save in disposal costs (with eco/Springfield)," Stone said.

Under the present contract, the town must pay for 9,000 tons, even though the actual tonnage expected this year is estimated at 7,570 tons. Also, the town is penalized \$49 per ton for each ton short of the guaranteed tonnage.

A Model Facility

Energy Answers Vice President Larry D. Richardson said the company's waste-to-energy facility located in Rochester, Mass. was featured as a model facility in a video produced by the Smithsonian Institute for their *Science in American Life* exhibit.

Founded in 1981, Energy Answers focuses on developing, owning, and operating waste-to-energy facilities and has owned and operated many solid waste facilities resulting in over 50 years of cumulative operating experience, according to Richardson.

According to company documentation, Energy Answers is structuring the project to be economically viable on a stand-alone basis and competitive in both the solid waste disposal and the wholesale energy markets. The company is renegotiating the existing power sales agreement for electricity generated at the plant with Western Mass. Electric Company to bring the contracts closer in line with the emerging wholesale electric market, resulting in a multi-million dollar buy-down payment from WMECO which will be used to repay a significant portion of the approximately \$21 million in outstanding debt on the trash incinerator.

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Fire Wise...

by Fire Chief David Pisano

The Importance Of Fire Lanes

How many times has it irritated you to drive to your local shopping area to find a car parked in a fire lane? The message is simple; the message is direct! "NO PARKING — FIRE LANE" means just that.

When there is a fire or related emergency, police, fire, and medical vehicles need to have proper access so that the vehicles can get close enough to the buildings for rescue, firefighting, and emergency medical duties.

The Agawam Fire Department reminds you that leaving your vehicle unattended in a fire lane may hamper emergency efforts, and simply parking your vehicle leaves you open to a fine. Remember — if you park there, others will think it is acceptable to park there ... and it isn't. It's against the law.

You may think it is silly or overkill, but then when was the last time you had to move 150 feet of fire hose around someone's car or delivery truck to put out a fire, or carry someone ill or injured to an ambulance? Every step, every foot, every car or truck in the way makes a difference in the efficiency of fire and life safety.

The Agawam Fire Department wants you to realize that these areas are important to you and your neighbor's safety. Whether at a shopping center, the post office, or office building, apartment building, or transportation loading area ... when they are needed, they must be available.

Park there illegally and it may cost you a fine, towing charge, or both! More importantly, it may result in more property damage, illness, or injury.

For further information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

Keenan To Hold Office Hours On Wed., Sept. 23rd

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan will hold office hours on Wednesday, September 23rd, between 10:30 and 11:45 a.m. at the Agawam Senior Center, Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam.

Members of the public are invited to attend to express their comments and concerns to issues facing the district and state. Representative Keenan welcomes the opportunity to meet and hear from his constituents.

Rep. Keenan may also be reached at his district office at 342 Springfield Street, Agawam (786-4545).

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— Agawam Obituaries —

Richard D. Gour

Richard D. Gour, 83, of Agawam, died in a local nursing home.

Prior to retirement, he was an electrician for many years with Local 7 IBEW of Springfield.

Born in Springfield, he was a lifelong resident of that city before moving to Agawam two years ago.

He was a graduate of Springfield Trade High School.

He was a communicant of Our Lady of Hope Church in Springfield, and was involved with the Boy Scouts, serving as a scoutmaster for Troop 54.

He leaves his wife of 57 years, Anna (Burns) Gour; a son, Thomas of East Longmeadow; two daughters, Geraldine Nicoli of Leeds and Louise Morin of Jacksonville, North Carolina; 11 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Forastiere-Smith Funeral Home of East Longmeadow and in the church. The burial was held at Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Shriners' Hospital, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104, or to Boy Scouts of America - Pioneer Valley Council, 861 Meadow Street, Chicopee, MA 01013.

Andrew Delevo

Andrew Delevo, 75, of Riviera Street, Agawam, died at the Holyoke Soldiers' Home.

He was a 15-year employee of Moore Drop Forge Co., and retired in 1982. He also worked with his father at Delevo's Bakery in Springfield.

Born in Springfield, he was a graduate of Classical High School.

He was an Army veteran of World War II. He served in the Pacific theater, and received American and Pacific theater ribbons and a Victory Medal.

He worshipped at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church.

He leaves his wife, Lois J. (Bye) Delevo of Springfield; two daughters, Andrea Cassese of Springfield and Diane Megit of Feeding Hills; a sister, Carmel Bedore of Springfield; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Forastiere Funeral Home, with the burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, both in Springfield.

Catherine Sherman

Catherine Sherman, 85, of Orleans, Vermont, died Tuesday, September 15th, at her home.

She lived in Agawam most of her life and was a member of St. David's Church.

She was predeceased by her husband, Al Sherman.

She leaves a daughter, Charlotte; three brothers, Karl of Agawam, George of Easthampton, and Harold of Bondsville; two grandsons; and

The funeral was held at St. David's Church, with the burial in Springfield Street Cemetery. Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. David's Church building fund at 699 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

Demetrios J. Kallipolites

Demetrios J. "Jim" Kallipolites, 86, of 272 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam, died in Quincy Hospital, Quincy, MA.

Born in Springfield, he lived in that city until moving to Agawam in 1950.

He was a 32-year employee of Package Machinery in East Longmeadow, retiring in 1977. He was a past Master and member of the Mt. Orthodox Lodge of Masons in West Springfield, a past High Priest of the Kingsway Chapter, and a past District Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts.

A percussionist with several area bands for many years, he also gave private music lessons, played with the community school band in Agawam, and was a lifelong member of the Musicians Union Local 171 in Springfield.

He had also been a lifelong member of the Greek Orthodox Cathedral St. George in Springfield and sang in their choir for many years.

His wife, the former Dorothea Prempas, died in 1993.

He leaves a son, John D. Kallipolites of Harwich; a daughter, Althea M. Clarke of Marshfield; a brother, Evans J. Kall of Daytona Beach, Florida; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Funeral Home and in the Cathedral, with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery. A Masonic ritual was held during the evening calling hours.

Patience L. Long

Patience L. (Peggy) Long, 81, of Main Street, Agawam, died at Yale-New Haven Medical Center in New Haven, Connecticut.

She was the first female administrator of the Longmeadow Police Department under the late Police Chief George A. Yarsley, Jr. from 1969 through 1974.

She was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and was a 1934 graduate of William Penn High School.

She attended the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses (North Congregation) in Springfield. She lived in East Orange, New Jersey, Longmeadow, and Springfield before moving to Agawam.

She was a den mother for the Longmeadow Cub Scouts for a decade, and belonged to that town's Parent-Teacher Association.

Her husband, George B. Long, died in 1973.

She leaves two sons, Bryan of Springfield and Kevin of Windsor Locks, Connecticut; two daughters, Patience B. O'Connor of Westfield and T. Stephanie Hudson of Madison, Connecticut; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Sampson's Chapel of Longmeadow Funeral Home in Springfield, with the burial in Longmeadow Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the New England Visiting Nurse Association-Hospice, P.O. Box 9058, 50 Maple Street, Springfield, MA 01102-9058.

Eileen N. Levine

Eileen (Nancy) Levine, 74, of 38a Paul Revere Street, Agawam, died at Noble Hospital in Springfield.

She worked at the former Kings Department Store in Springfield, and retired in 1970. She was previously at the Springfield Girls Club.

She lived in Holyoke, and lived in Springfield from 1955 until moving to Agawam in 1970.

She was a member of the Springfield Girls Club.

She leaves a son, Joseph N. of Feeding Hills; two daughters, Sheila Leary and Phyllis Severino of Springfield; two sisters, Lillian Selwitz and Sally Neveloff of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held at Hillcrest Park Cemetery in Springfield, and Harold R. Ascher & Son Memorial Chapel handled the arrangements.

Harold O. Stanton

Harold O. (Hal) Stanton, 86, of Buck Pond Road, Westfield, and formerly of Agawam, former host of the popular Laurel and Hardy film shows on Springfield's Television Channel 22 WWLP, died in a local nursing home.

He worked for a number of movie theaters before working at Bay State Film Productions for 39 years. He retired as vice president of public relations and television in 1985.

He also hosted vintage movie programs on Channel 22. He was a founder of the worldwide Sons of the Desert, the official Laurel and Hardy fan club.

He was born in Erie, Pennsylvania, was a graduate of the High School of Commerce in Springfield, and also attended Dartmouth College. He lived in Springfield and Agawam before moving to Westfield.

He attended the First Baptist Church in Agawam, and was a senior deacon. He was a World War II Army Air Forces veteran, and served in China-Burma-India theater.

He was a past master of the Elm Masonic Lodge in Agawam, a past junior grand steward of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and a member of the All-Scottish Rite Bodies and the Melha Shrine Temple, in which he served in the Media Corps and the past masters unit.

He was an honorary member of the Clown Unit and Royal Order of Jesters Court 144. He belonged to the Springfield and Hartford Advertising Clubs, the Dartmouth Club of Springfield, and was grand sheik of the Laurel and Hardy Sons of the Desert Night Owls Tent of the Connecticut Valley.

His wife, Merle (Daniel) Stanton, died in 1984.

He leaves a daughter, Sherry Bessetts of Westfield, and two grandchildren.

The funeral was held at the church, with the burial at Hillcrest Park Cemetery in Springfield. Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104, or the church at 760 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

Thomas E. Hyland

Thomas Edward Hyland, 91, of 35 Hillside Road, Harwich, died at Cape Cod Hospital Pavilion, Barnstable.

He was a licensed electrician and worked 40 years for Northeast Utilities, retiring in 1972 as a supervisor.

Born in Fiskdale, he moved to Agawam before moving to Harwich three years ago.

He was a member of the Agawam Lions Club for more than 50 years, and a member of Mount Orthodox Lodge AF & AM in West Springfield.

He was predeceased by his wife, Lillian (Wood) Hyland.

He leaves a son, Kenneth of Florida; two daughters, Myrna Crowley of Harwich and Susanne Chavez of Florida; and four sisters, Elizabeth Robinson of North Carolina, Mary Blake of Sturbridge, Louise Kearns of Fiskdale, and Ruth Mega of Hingham.

The funeral was held at Curran-Jones Funeral Home in Agawam, followed by burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery in Springfield. Hamel Wickens and Troupe Funeral Home of Harwich was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Agawam Lions Club, 1305 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield, MA 01089, or the Agawam Congregational Church, Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

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Gertrude M. Lewandowski

Gertrude M. Lewandowski, 74, of Agawam, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

She was a machine operator at U.S. Envelope Co. (now Westvaco) of Springfield for several years, and retired in 1970.

She was born in Springfield, and lived in Agawam from 1955.

She was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church, and belonged to the Women's Nine-Hole League at Veterans Golf Course and the Women's 18-Hole League at Franconia Golf Course.

She leaves her husband, Edward W. Lewandowski; a daughter, Carol A. Abel of Lakewood, New Jersey; three sisters, Mildred Frasca and Doris Monast of Springfield, and Marion Cabana of West Springfield; and three grandchildren.

The funeral service was held at Hafey Springfield Chapel, with the burial in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 1111 Elm Street, Suite 9a, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Mary T. Siraco

Mary T. (Battistoni) Siraco, 82, of 41 Cooper Street, Agawam, died in a local nursing home.

She was a former employee of General Fibre Box Co. of West Springfield, and worked later for Curran-Jones Funeral Home for 25 years. She retired in 1992.

She was born in Amherst, and came to the West Springfield area as a child. She lived in West Springfield from 1926.

She was a communicant of St. Ann's Church, and belonged to the parish's St. Ann's Society and choir.

She leaves three sisters, Theresa Morini of Springfield, and Jennie Dialessi and Elizabeth Wisley of West Springfield; and nephews and nieces.

The funeral was held at West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the church, with the burial in St. Thomas Cemetery in West Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Ann's Society Scholarship Fund, 576 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Paul D. Sears

Paul D. Sears, 63, of 37 Highland Lane, Agawam, died in Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

He was the parts manager at Burnside Motors in East Hartford for 10 years, and worked previously for Topor Dodge in Chicopee.

He was a past president of the Parts Managers Association.

Born in Westfield, he lived in Springfield most of his life, and was graduated from Technical High School.

He lived in Florida before moving to Agawam last year.

He leaves his wife, the former Catherine Donovan; a son, Daniel W. of Feeding Hills; two daughters, Catherine Alberti of Agawam and Teresa Rivest of Chicopee; two sisters, Susan Gamache of Feeding Hills and Carol LeBelle of Hampden; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the Sacred Heart Church, with the burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society, 425 Union Street, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Anna C. Sullivan

Anna C. Sullivan, 81, of Feeding Hills, died in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield.

Prior to retirement, she worked as a sales associate for 20 years at the former Forbes & Wallace department store in Springfield, and then worked for 15 years at the former Steiger's department store in Springfield.

Born in County Cork, Ireland, she came to the United States at age seven, and lived most of her life in Springfield, until recently moving to Feeding Hills.

She was a communicant of St. Michael's Cathedral in Springfield.

She leaves four nephews, John Sliech, William Sliech, and Steven Sliech, all of Feeding Hills, and Dennis Sullivan of California; and four nieces, Barbara Goehrlert and Margaret Light, both of Agawam, Mary Smith of Southwick, and Ann Robertson of California.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam, followed by services at St. Michael's Cathedral Holy Spirit Chapel, and burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, Springfield.

Veterans' Corner...

by Ruth C. Bitzas
Veterans' Agent — 786-0400, Ext. 236/237

THE KOREAN WAR MONUMENT
by William A. Prather

*Through swirling mist toward morning's light, a patrol that never ends,
spawned by a war fought years ago we now, do make amends.*

*Neglected and forgotten in an "action" of snow and flame,
Korea was its name.*

*In a hell of frozen mountains, of pestilence and heat, they fought,
and bled and held and died, in foot by foot retreat.*

*Then striking back they swept the field, 'til morning they did meet,
Once more thrown back, again they held, and paid for near defeat.*

*With limbs and sight and shattered lives they fought and died and won,
'Til peace once more was finally made in a place called Panmunjom.*

*Yet the patrol moves on and always will as long as freedom stands,
To guard the seas and skies at home, or in other far-off lands.*

*And so they move through swirling mist, forever they patrol,
in heat and cold, in dark or light, forever they patrol.*

AN EXCERPT FROM THE AUGUST ISSUE OF "STARS AND STRIPES"

"Some \$1.2 million has been spent on Washington's deteriorating Korean War Veterans' Memorial since restoration plans were approved in February, but that won't be enough to resolve numerous problems that have beset the multifaceted monument since its opening in 1995.

"The Senate recently approved an extra \$2 million to improve the memorial's lighting system, make the plumbing for its fountain more efficient complete other repairs.

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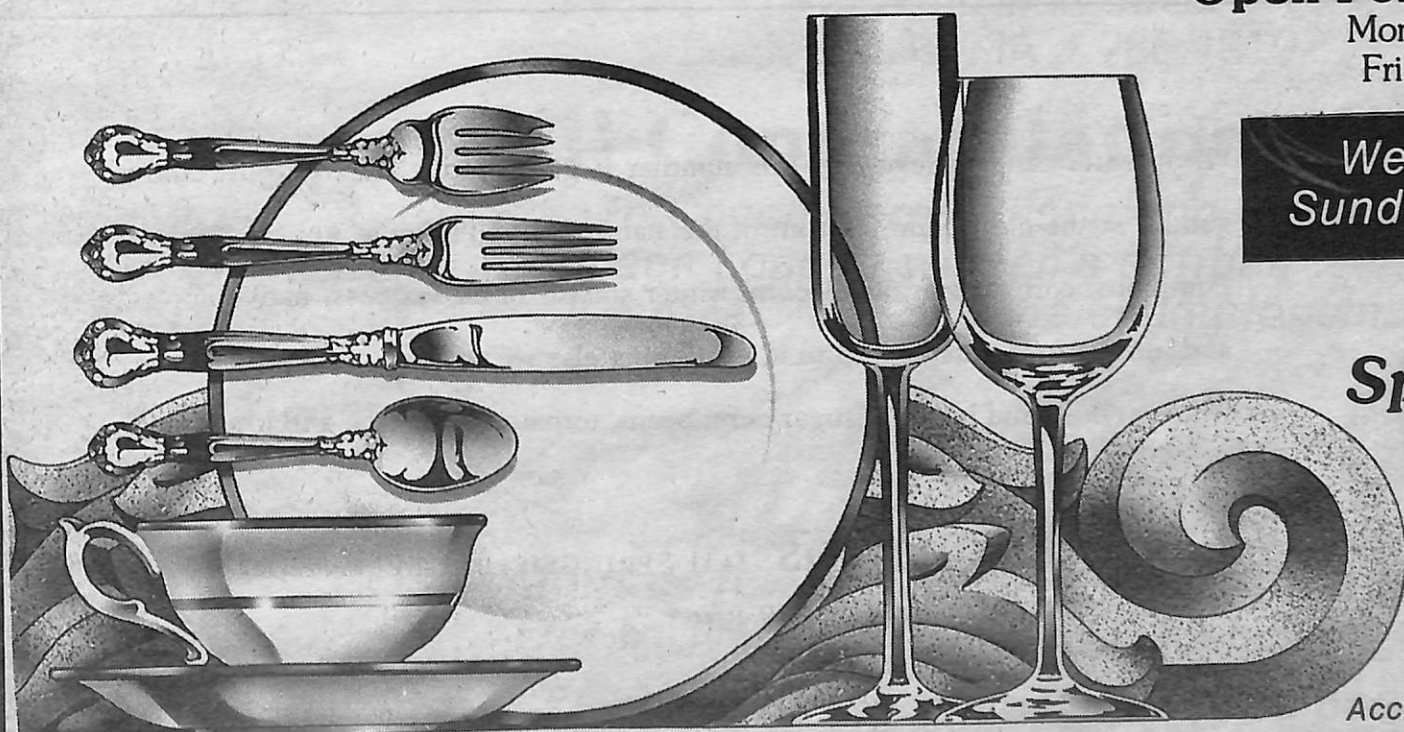
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"As Senator Paul Sarbanes, D-Md., who proposed the additional outlay, toured the memorial August 11th, he said he took action after several Maryland veterans alerted him to the fact that the memorial was crumbling, the Washington Post reported.

"My understanding is this is a complex design, and consequently many of the problems developed after construction," Sarbanes told the newspaper.

"Sarbanes' bill is expected to get House approval."

Agent's Note: It's bad enough that Korea is known as "The Forgotten War," but now to have a "crumbling monument"? A letter of support won't hurt.

The following is a list of World War II veterans whose last name begins with the letter "R." Again, please help by checking the list for accuracy.

If your name is missing or the name of a loved one, call Veterans' Services at Agawam Town Hall, 786-0400, ext. 236/237, for information on obtaining the necessary verifications of eligibility.

WWII HONOR ROLL - "R"

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Irving Richman, William E. Richmond, Jr., Clair Rief, Alvin L. Rising, Edith E. Rivard, Earl M. Rivers, Lawrence T. Rivers, Robert R. Rivers, Roland E. Rivers, Esther M. Robert, Howard E. Roberts*, Roland J. Roberts, Warren H. Roberts, Woodrow W. Roberts.

Robert B. Rogerson, Peter Ronchi, John F. Rosati, Elizabeth C. Rose, Ralph H. Rose, Joseph D. Rosenbloom, Charles A. Rossi, Louis C. Rossi, Jr., Mario D. Rossi, Francis J. Rosso, Louis F. Rosso, Norman Routson, Robert Routson*, Herman M. Rovelli, Ugo E. Rovelli, Earl R. Rule, Harry Ruel, Roland J. Ruelle, Roland W. Rushby, Ronald W. Rushby, Chester W. Russell, Jr., Raymond F. Ryan, John F. Ryan.

(* Died while in service.)

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TOWN OF AGAWAM

You are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held at Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, in the Town of Agawam, Massachusetts, at 7:30 o'clock p.m., on Monday, October 5, 1998 upon petition of Western Mass. Electric Company dated August 28, 1998 for permission to feed new subdivision, relocate existing pole number 25 approximately 10 feet Easterly in the ways or parts of ways designated in said petition, along which designated route of line you are an owner of real estate as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation.

Dated this 10th day of September, 1998.

Information regarding this petition may be obtained from Western Mass. Electric Company in Springfield, Tel. No. 785-5871.

PETITION NO. DRG. No. 1357. STREET: Meadow Street.

Ursula Retzler
Clerk of the Council

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ADVERTISER NEWS

Larger, More Expensive Homes Are The Latest Trend...

Residential Development Slows While Industrial Development Booms

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

It's been 14 years since the town created an administrative post to oversee and coordinate the work of the various town departments involved in the permitting process regulating both residential and commercial development in Agawam. A lot has changed in the intervening years, particularly in the area of residential development.

The housing boom of the 1980's peaked in mid-decade when residential building permits were issued at the rate of 115 in 1985, 148 in 1986, and 158 in 1987.

By the end of the decade, housing starts had leveled off at an average ranging between 50 and 70 permits issued annually, with the exception of 1992 when 93 building permits were recorded in the building inspector's annual report.

And it's not only the number of houses being built that has changed. According to town officials, the trend has been steadily moving away from building starter homes for young families and toward building larger, more expensive homes to appeal to the high end of the real estate market.

Hired in 1983 as the town's first Director of Planning and Community Development, Deborah S. Dachos sees residential development slowing down while new homes are being built for the upper end of the market. This is a situation that could eventually lead to young people being forced to leave Agawam to find affordable starter homes, she noted.

"Right now, what we're seeing is in-filling as developers are looking at small parcels of land for small subdivisions in already developed areas," Ms. Dachos said. "We're pretty much maxed-out for new residential developments, and we're currently working with developments that have already been approved."

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson agreed that in-filling in developed areas has replaced the post-World War II trend of developing huge tracts of flat farmland. But, Johnson said there are still some major parcels of farmland that could be developed residentially in Feeding Hills.

Among the factors Johnson cited which have effectively prevented expanded residential development are a slowing of the real estate market after the economic downturn of the early 1990's; the difficulty in developing some parcels due to wetland restrictions and the slope of the land; and the fact that some large parcels are located in areas with no sewer services.

Ms. Dachos predicts a continuation of the trend toward bigger, more expensive home on smaller lots and a stabilization of the town's demographics. The lack of available land for residential development will prevent the large influx of new residents that would have occurred had the town not acquired the 292-acre Tuckahoe Turf farm for open space and purchased the 110-acre Agawam Country Club to prevent the development of 130 residential lots, she said.

Also, an additional 50 to 160 acres in Feeding Hills are protected from residential development under the state Agricultural Preservation Restriction Program, whereby the landowners get a tax break by selling the development rights to the state.

From a planning perspective, fewer homes being built means less of a demand for town services, but town officials are concerned that the trend toward more expensive housing could

become a problem in the future as the children of town residents look for affordable housing.

"It's lucky for Agawam that there is still a diverse enough housing stock, particularly older homes, for families looking for a starter home, and in today's market a starter home is in the \$90,000 to \$120,000 range," Ms. Dachos said.

Competing With Longmeadow...

Assessor Chester Nicora agreed that there is definitely a trend toward the upper end of the market in residential development as Agawam has begun competing with Longmeadow for the high end of the market.

Nicora said potential home buyers might typically spend \$500,000 for a home in Longmeadow. This compares to a home costing in the \$300,000 range in Agawam, Nicora said. According to him, the quality of the services provided by the town is an important factor in attracting new residents.

"People are looking at what services they'll be getting, and they're looking for convenient access to shopping and convenient highway access," Nicora said. "We offer excellent services in our schools, our police and fire departments, our trash collection, and our ambulance service is staffed with paramedics."

Nicora pointed out that while neighboring Southwick has a tax rate \$1 lower than Agawam, that town has a volunteer fire department, a volunteer ambulance service, and no trash pick-up.

Focusing his administration on attracting quality industrial development and, at the same time, slowing down residential development through the acquisition of open space has had a tremendous effect on blunting the financial impact on the town of providing services to an influx of new homes, Johnson said.

"For every dollar we collect in residential taxes, we're paying more than a dollar more in services because the largest single expense we have is education," Johnson said. "While businesses do benefit from having an educated workforce, they don't send children to school."

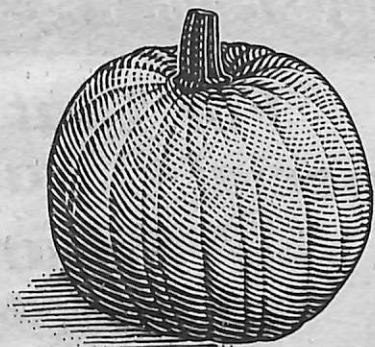
Johnson said the town has made tremendous strides during his tenure in attracting industry and reducing the percentage of the tax base coming from the residential class (while increasing the percentage coming from business and industry).

"When I took office, the town tax base was 81 percent residential. Now, we're at 76 percent residential and 24 percent commercial/industrial," Johnson said.

The development of an industrial park on former county-owned land in Feeding Hills will likely be coming on-line just as the remaining industrial land is being tapped out in the Agawam Regional Industrial Park and in the neighboring industrial park on Moylan Lane, Johnson said.

"There are just two spots left in the Agawam Regional Park, and the rest of the available land has been optioned to businesses planning to expand their operations," Johnson said. "We're being tapped out of industrial land, and we have to begin working now to bring on new stock in the next three to four years."

Despite the claims of power plant opponents, Johnson said business has boomed at the industrial park since Berkshire Power came to town and the land at the Moylan Lane Park is all under contract.



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“Main Stage” Entertainment At 1998’s Big E

The Eastern States Exposition will celebrate 77 years this fall with a spectacular showcase of the region’s finest livestock, agriculture, culinary delights, and much more.

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And speaking of live entertainment, The Big E’s “Main Stage” (sponsored by The Mohegan Sun) will feature the following performers this year:

- **The Charlie Daniels Band** (September 18th at 3:00 and 8:00 p.m.): Grammy Award-winning Charlie Daniels heads this legendary band of blues-inspired Southern rockers.

- **Sha Na Na** (September 18th-21st at 1:00 and 4:30 p.m., with an additional 3:00 p.m. show September 19th-21st): Memories of the 50’s and 60’s return with this boisterous rock ‘n’ roll party band.

- **The Village People** (September 19th at 8:00 p.m.): Put on your best costume and dance the night away with these unique showmen. Hits like “YMCA,” “In the Navy,” and “Macho Man” will have fans cheering for more.

- **Martina McBride** (September 20th at 8:00 p.m.): Unmatched in vocals, this fiery artist will perform such songs as the Grammy-nominated “Broken Wing.”

- **Little Anthony and The Imperials** (September 21st-25th at 3:00 and 8:00 p.m.): Bringing back the classic ballads and beloved tunes of the 60’s, the original Imperials show off both talent and style.

- **A Tribute to Benny Goodman performed by the Everett Longstreth Big Band** (September 22nd at 1:00 and 4:30 p.m.): Amazing director and clarinetist Benny Goodman is eulogized by this spirited orchestra from the Big Band era.



SHA NA NA will be among the crowd-pleasing entertainers who’ll be appearing at the 1998 edition of “The Big E.”

- **Ronna** (September 23rd-28th at 1:00 and 4:30 p.m., with an additional 3:00 p.m. show on September 27th): Crossing over from the country music scene to pop, this lively songstress performs her own style of modern music.

- **Bryan White** (September 26th at 3:00 and 8:00 p.m.): Fairgoers will know they are in “The Right Place” when they hear the voice of one of *People* magazine’s “50 Most Beautiful People in the World.”

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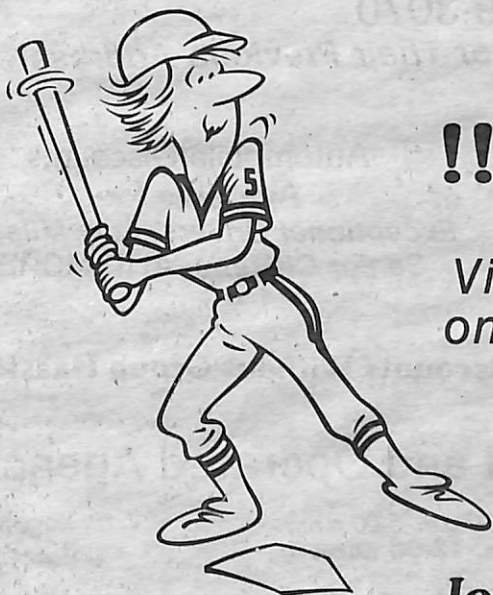
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• **Sawyer Brown** (September 27th at 8:00 p.m.): With over 14 albums to their credit, this legendary country band will perform songs from their newest album, "Six Days on the Road," among their many classic country hits.

• **Sister Sledge** (September 28th-October 2nd at 3:00 and 8:00 p.m.): "We Are Family" is the motto of this rousing all-female band.

• **Sammy Kaye Orchestra** (September 29th at 1:00 and 4:30 p.m.): Concertgoers will "swing and sway" to tunes from the Big Band era with this orchestra now headed by Roger Thorpe.

• **Nu Flavor** (September 30th-October 4th at 1:00 and 4:30 p.m., with an additional 3:00 p.m. show on October 3rd and 4th): Presenting a positive message to today's youth, this R&B quartet uses pop melodies and fresh, unspoiled lyrics to help them stand out from contemporary performers.

• **Faith Hill** (October 3rd at 8:00 p.m.): Soul-searching and melodious, this double-platinum country artist delivers a powerful message in each of her stirring songs.

• **Lynyrd Skynyrd** (October 4th at 8:00 p.m.): Southern rock at its absolute best, this proud group of Southerners proves that American rock "ain't dead yet!"

Remember, the 1998 edition of The Big E runs from September 18th through October 4th on the Eastern States Exposition fairgrounds in West Springfield.

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Kendra I. Phillips Becomes Bride Of Travis D. Hyland

Kendra I. Phillips and Travis D. Hyland were married July 11, 1998 at St. Brigid's Church in Amherst, Mass. The 5:00 p.m. ceremony was officiated by Fr. Bruce Teague, followed by a reception at Chez Josef in Agawam.

The bride is the daughter of William H. Phillips of Summerton, South Carolina and Maura D. McMahon of Amherst. Parents of the groom are John and Faith Hyland of Agawam.

Maid of honor was Megan V. Phillips, sister of the bride. Serving as bridesmaids were Michelle Logan and Lisa White, friends of the bride, Courtney Hyland, sister of the groom, and Loree Phillips, sister-in-law of the bride. Meagan Phillips, niece of the bride, was the flower girl.

Serving as best man was Todd Hyland, brother of the groom. Ushers were Brett Phillips, brother of the bride, and Christopher Fitzpatrick, Justin Siegal, and Jayson Grenier, friends of the groom. Ring bearer was Brian Rodrigues, nephew of the bride.

The bride is a graduate of Amherst High School and Regents College in New York with a degree in nursing. She is employed at UMass Health Services Urgent Care.

The groom, a graduate of Agawam High School and UMass with a degree in sports management and a master's in education administration, is employed as a video scout for the New Jersey Nets.

The couple honeymooned on a cruise to the Caribbean.

Agawam Women's Club To Meet On Mon., Sept. 28th

The Agawam Women's Club will begin the 1998-1999 club year with a covered dish supper on Monday, September 28th, at 6:30 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House. This meeting will be hosted by the Executive Board.

Following the supper, we will have a "parcel post" auction. (Bring an item purchased while on vacation & wrap in brown paper as though you would be mailing it.)

Officers for the coming year are Mrs. Faith Freeman, president; Mrs. Ralph Douglas, 1st vice president; Mrs. Ernest Muella, 2nd vice president; Mrs. Ralph Webster, recording secretary; Mrs. Donald Nowill, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Clifford Catchpugh, treasurer; and Mrs. George Collins, assistant treasurer.

Directors include Mrs. James Roche, Mrs. Charles Kistner, and Mrs. Edwin Damon.

Our club welcomes new members. Any interested lady may call 594-5355 or 786-9681. They will answer any questions you may have.



STEPHAN S. STACY & HEATHER D. PHILLIPS

Heather D. Phillips Engaged To Wed Stephan S. Stacy

Mr. & Mrs. Robert M. Phillips of Sullivan Harbor, Maine, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Dayle Phillips, to Stephan Shane Stacy of Cincinnati, Ohio. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Dan Stacy of Piqua, Ohio.

The future bride is the granddaughter of Dorothy N. Phillips and Mr. & Mrs. Norman W. Roberts, all long-time residents of Agawam.

A nuptial Mass is planned in October at St. Margaret's Chapel in Winter Harbor, Maine.

The future bride is a 1990 graduate of Ellsworth High School and obtained a BA in Journalism/Mass Communications from Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia. She is currently a Communications Program Specialist at Entex Information Services in Mason, Ohio.

Her fiancé is a 1990 graduate of Piqua High School and is currently pursuing a degree in Network Engineering from Miami Jacobs College in Dayton, Ohio. He is currently a Technical Support Engineer for Entex Information Services in Mason, Ohio.

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In honor of the individuals who served on these ships, the 1998 edition of The Big E will be holding an exhibit in the New England Center that features several PT boat models (differing in size and construction) as well as a model of the USS Massachusetts.

These models will educate the public about the technology used in WWII, as well as offer a glimpse into the lives of the men and women who served on PT boat tenders and bases.

Photographs from WWII will cover one wall of this exhibit, proving an in-depth and detailed look at these legendary machines.

Gerard Zinser, the last living survivor of PT 109, the famous "barge buster" on which John F. Kennedy served, will hold a discussion at The Big E on September 19th and 20th from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.

Fairgoers will listen as this living piece of history recounts his experiences throughout the war, his memories of JFK, and his interactions with the crew of PT 109.

Hear the tales of a man who was actually there, shipwrecked behind enemy lines, and learn what it is like to live history. Mr. Zinser will be available for autographs after the discussion.

The PT boat exhibit is located in the New England Center and is open from 10:00 a.m. every day of The Big E, September 18th-October 4th.

For more information, call (413) 737-2443 or visit us on the web at www.thebige.com.

"Spice Up Your Life" Cooking Contest Coming To The Big E

Turning up the heat at the 77th annual Big E is the scorching Pepcid AC "Spice Up Your Life" cooking contest.

Pepcid AC has invited local chefs to amaze the audience and burn their competition with hot and spicy dishes on Friday, September 25th, at 11:00 a.m. in the New England Center. Three outstanding "five alarm" cooks will receive cash prizes: \$100 for first place, \$75 for second, and \$50 for third.

Whether contestants bring ribs, chili, nachos, soup, salad, casserole, or any other eye-watering edible item, Pepcid AC guarantees the hottest contest in town!

What's more, don't miss the other four cooking contests held throughout the 17 days of The Big E:

The three now-classic contests from last year — the Land O' Lakes Butter **Best Cookie Contest** (Tuesday, September 22nd, at 11:00 a.m.), the **Best SPAM Recipe Contest** (Monday, September 28th, at 11:00 a.m.), and the Fleishmann's Yeast **Best Ever Bread Contest** (Tuesday, September 29th, at 11:00 a.m.) — are being joined this year by newcomer Land O' Lakes Margarine **"Sweet Treat Team" Championship** on Thursday, September 24th, at 4:00 p.m.

All contests will take place in the New England Center on a brand-new, specially designed stage, which is also home to many cooking demonstrations from September 18th-October 4th.

For more information, call (413) 737-2443 or visit us on the world wide web at www.thebige.com.

Annual Speech Contests Sponsored By Toastmasters

The local Agawam/West Side Club of Toastmasters International is conducting its annual Humorous Speech and Table Topics Speech Contests.

The contests are to be held September 24th beginning at 7:00 p.m., at the Country Estates meeting room, Route 75, Agawam.

The public is welcome. Admission is free, and refreshments will be served.

If you need any additional information, please contact Jim McDougal at 789-2925 or Richard Januska at 786-0887.

Junior Women's Club To Sponsor Create-A-Scarecrow At Fini's Farm

Join the Agawam Junior Women's Club at Fini's Farm on Saturday, October 10th from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., with a raindate of October 11th.

Come and create your own adult-size scarecrow. We will supply all materials and instruction. There will also be hayrides through "Dead Man's Woods," a corn maze, pony rides, hay maze, cider, popcorn, and you can pick your own pumpkins.

Proceeds from the scarecrows, cider, and popcorn will be put towards the purchase of a \$25,000 Thermal Imaging Helmet for the Agawam Fire Department. This helmet will allow the firemen to "see" in a dark, smoke-filled room, by detecting body heat, so as to be able to rescue trapped people.

There will be a video explaining the helmets and a firetruck on hand. This will be one of many

ways we will be raising funds for this worthy cause that may save many lives. Anyone wanting to make a monetary donation to this fund, please make your check out to the Agawam Helmet Fund and mail to Agawam Junior Women's Club, P.O. Box 332, Agawam, MA 01001.

We hope that with the support of our community, this invaluable piece of equipment will become a reality.

The AJWC would like to thank Fini's Farm for all their assistance with this fundraiser and Crowley's Stables for their generous donation of hay.

For more information, please call 786-5540. Hope to see you all there.

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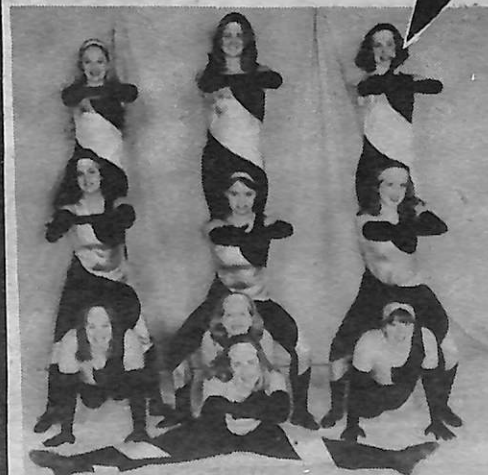
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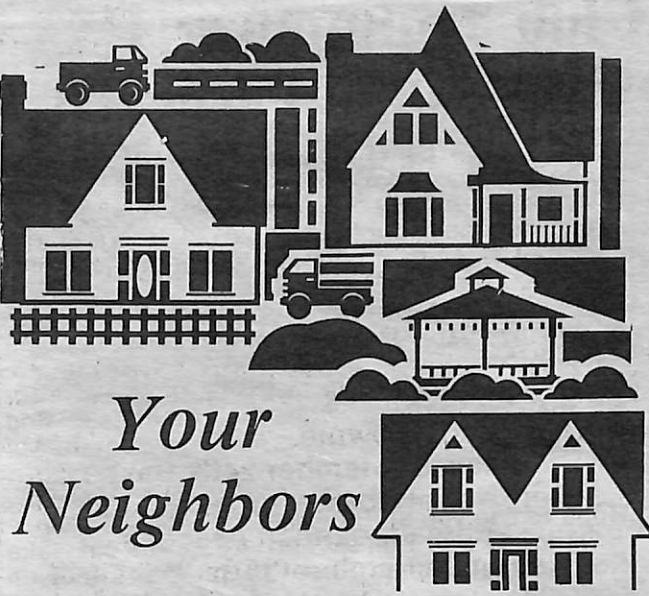


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Michele Riley Finds Satisfaction With Big Brothers/Sisters

by Peggy Shoemaker
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Michele Riley of North West Street has achieved what many people never do. She has gone to college, earned a master's degree, and is entrenched in a job that she likes. Now she is looking to make new goals into the future.

This bright young lady with the ready smile grew up in Springfield and was active at Cathedral High School. She graduated in 1990. Her family moved to Agawam in 1988 and she joined Sacred Heart Church.

Her undergraduate college work was in Peace Corps studies, sociology, and psychology at Norwich College in Vermont. Attracted to the Peace Corps and interested in working abroad, Michele nevertheless decided there is a lot of social work to be done nearer to home. At the time, she said, a two-year commitment seemed to her a long time.

"Maybe I was chicken," she said with a grin. She chose to work within a religious organization hoping to develop her own spirituality while volunteering. Through the Archdiocese of Boston, she worked with a youth group at St. Augustine Parish, helping kids develop leadership with their peers.

She stayed a second year to oversee the program, she said, but by this time the youths were running the program themselves. She also spent a year volunteering at South Boston Neighborhood House.

Earned Master's In Social Work At BU
Returning to studies, she earned a master's

degree in social work at Boston University. By then she decided she was more interested in behavior and problem-solving than in clinical work. She wanted to work with people within their social structure, she said.

Her internship in the master's program was at Labare Center, doing case management and home visits with the elderly. She also worked at the Italian Home for Children in Jamaica Plains.

The petite brunette with auburn hair and warm brown eyes quoted the late Mother Teresa as saying, "We are all pencils in God's hands. We are the instruments through which God does the writing," she explained.

Michele returned to Agawam in 1997 and was hired by the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Hampden County. She is a case worker handling an average of 50 cases at a time. The agency matches boys with males over 18 years of age who meet with them once in two weeks to listen, to talk, to walk, share ideas, activities, and have fun. They try to meet the child's needs. The carefully screened adults are all volunteers, she said.

She said that 24 group orientations for potential volunteers were held in the last year. Informative sessions are presented to those people in the community who would like more information about volunteering to be a Big Brother or Big Sister.

Held at the West Springfield Library every other week, the short meeting includes a video showing Little Brothers and Sisters discussing their relationships with their Big Brothers and Big Sisters. It is an informative, no-pressure presentation, she said.

The agency's executive director Elizabeth Russell said that due to heightened community awareness of the benefits of its mentoring programs, there was an increase of matches over last year. A match is composed of a Little Brother or Sister paired with either a Big Brother or a Big Sister. Children are between the ages of seven and 14.

Following acceptance into the program after a screening, Russell said that volunteers are matched with a child according to their mutual interests and geographic location. Activities include sporting events, arts and crafts, helping with homework, or just eating out and going to the movies.

The Big Brothers Big Sister agency gets support from many different sources. "The Community United Way provides solid support for our work with children. The annual *Bowl For Kids' Sake* at the Fair Lanes in Chicopee is a fun way to show support," said Russell.

The youngsters are referred by parents, their teachers, or school guidance counselors. They are all from single-parent families. Sometimes work and other siblings cause a parent to feel he/she cannot give the child the attention he/she needs.

Presently, young men are matched with boys and women with girls. The agency has been given permission to match girls with big brothers and boys with big sisters, but this has not been done yet, she said.



MICHELE RILEY, who is employed as a case worker for the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Hampden County.

A Sense Of Accomplishment

"We do not work with kids on drugs," Michele said, "as they need more services than we can provide. We work on prevention instead. In my work, there is immediate gratification. When you make a good match between a child and a big brother/sister, you feel a real sense of accomplishment."

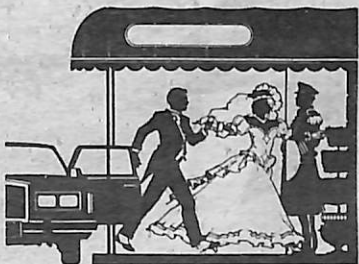
Michele took dancing lessons - jazz, tap, and ballet - before the ninth grade, and was in the National Honor Society in high school. With college behind her, she is trying to resume former hobbies. She loves to read and to walk with her dog, Buddy, in Robinson Park.

She is enrolled in a CPR course at Noble Hospital and is looking for a pottery class to join. Michele likes movies and would like to take a cruise as well as visit good friends in California and Honduras.

Now all she has to do is pay the college tuition bills she incurred and move on!

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KRISTINA MARIE NARDI

The Nardi Family Announces Birth Of Daughter, Kristina M.

Susanne Nardi and Gary Nardi, Jr. are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Kristina Marie Nardi, born July 3, 1998 at Baystate Medical Center.

Kristina weighed six pounds, five ounces and was 20 inches long. She was welcomed home by her two year-old sister, Katelynn Nardi.

Maternal grandparents are Darlynn and Gary Nardi, Sr. and Dolly and Dave LaFleur, all of Agawam.

ADVERTISER NEWS

“HallowScream” Coming To Riverside Park This Fall

Riverside Park Amusement in Agawam will be serving some frightful fun this fall with “HallowScream,” which will be open on weekends starting on Saturday, September 26th.

“HallowScream” will feature two haunted houses, a haunted hayride, The Pumpkin Patch, a Trick or Treat Village, and all of the rides, shows, and attractions of Riverside Park that have been “themed” for the Halloween season.

Following its September 26th opening, “HallowScream” will continue on Sunday, September 27th. Then, throughout the month of October, it will take place each Friday through Sunday and conclude on Sunday, November 1st.

What more’s, “HallowScream” will be open on Monday, October 12th, from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. in order to coincide with the Columbus Day holiday.

The following are the weekend hours of operation for “HallowScream”: Fridays, 5:00 to 11:00 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

In addition to “HallowScream,” Riverside will be hosting the “Great New England Balloon Festival” during the Columbus Day weekend (October 9th-12th).

For further information regarding “HallowScream,” call (888) HAUNTLINE. For details on the “Great New England Balloon Festival,” call (888) MY ESCAPE.

Heritage Hall Seeks Volunteers For Area Community Groups

Heritage Hall Centers, a member of the Genesis ElderCare® network, currently has several volunteer opportunities for area community groups to get involved in the lives of our elderly residents.

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Come join our residents and see what a fun and rewarding experience it is! If you are a member of a local community group or civic organization who is looking for volunteer opportunities, we have a program for you!

Please contact Kimberly George, Director of Volunteer Services, at (413) 786-8000, ext. 217.

Ag. Senior Center’s Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, September 21st: Shepherd’s pie, carrot coins, whole wheat bread, fresh fruit.

Tuesday, September 22nd: Cream of broccoli soup, ham & cheese on rye, cukes & tomato salad, baked custard.

Wednesday, September 23rd: Apple juice, meatballs & ziti, tossed salad, garlic bread, brownie.

Thursday, September 24th: Baked chicken leg, sweet potato, green beans, pumpkin bread, canned peaches.

Friday, September 25th: Baked fish, baked beans, cole slaw, oatmeal bread, canned pears.

Agawam COA To Host “Friday Feast” At The Senior Center

The Agawam Council on Aging will host a Friday Feast on October 16th at 5:30 p.m.

Musical entertainment will be provided by the “Dynamic Duo” and the menu will include boneless breast of chicken parmesan, pasta with marinara sauce, fresh salad, warm Italian bread, and ice cream.

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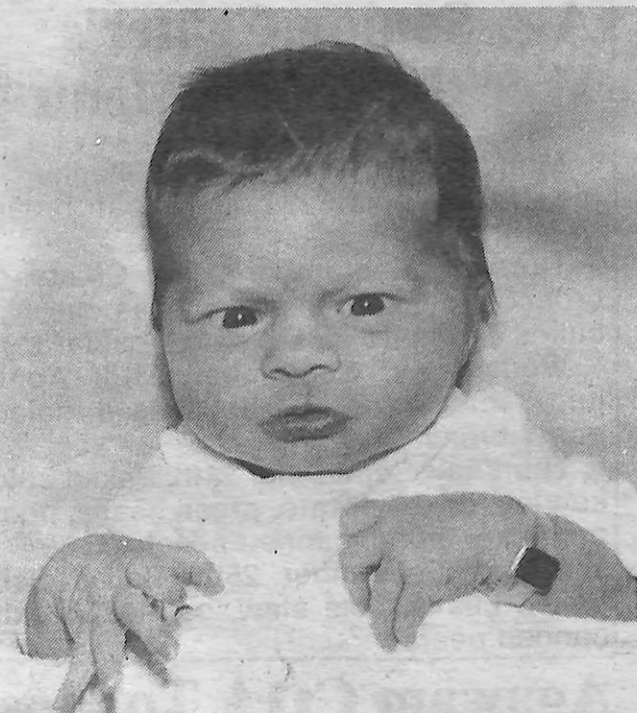
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SHANNON ELIZABETH STUART

David & Joann Stuart Announce Birth Of Daughter, Shannon E.

Shannon Elizabeth Stuart, second child born to David and Joann Stuart of Stafford Springs, Connecticut, was born on Monday, July 13th at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

Maternal grandparents are Ted and Carol Grimaldi of West Springfield. Paternal grandparent is Mary Jane Stuart of Agawam.

Brother Chase received a special birthday gift. Shannon was born on his second birthday!

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Agawam/Feeding Hills AARP To Hold Prog. On Mon., Sept. 28th

The first of the 1998-1999 specially scheduled programs for the Agawam/Feeding Hills Chapter 4915 AARP will be presented on Monday, September 28th at the Agawam Senior Center, Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam.

The program to be presented is "The Long and Short of It," concerning normal changes that occur with aging. The video offers some useful memory skills to help people worry less about changes in their memory abilities. Following the video, special guest Mary Francis Wall, L.J.C.S.W., program director and social worker, for the Agawam Counseling Center located at 30 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills, will be the guest resource person to elaborate on the subject and her field of work.

Refreshments will be served. If you are not a member of the Chapter, you are more than welcome to join when you arrive for the program.

P.S. There will be a program scheduled for every meeting. See you there.

Wilson-Thompson Post 185 To Hold Candlelight Ceremony

Wilson-Thompson Post 185 of the American Legion will be holding a candlelight ceremony on Sunday, September 20th.

The ceremony, hosted by members of Post 185 and the Ladies' Auxiliary, is being held to honor Massachusetts POW/MIA's from World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. September 20th is POW/MIA Day and is designated as a National Day of Remembrance.

The ceremony will begin at 4:00 p.m. on September 20th, and all are invited to attend this most solemn and patriotic observance.

ADVERTISER NEWS

Agawam High's Class Of 1973 To Hold 25th Reunion In November

It sure doesn't seem like 25 years have gone by!!! The Agawam High School's Class of 1973 25-year reunion will be held at the Log Cabin in Holyoke, November 27th at 6:30 p.m. sharp!

This elegant affair will be entertained by the BRASS ATTACK eight-piece band. The invitations have been sent out and many classmates are still missing. **All R.S.V.P.'s are needed back now to insure your reservation.**

ABSOLUTELY NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR. Other classes, faculty, and friends are welcome to join us.

If you can help locate any of the following missing classmates or have any class memorabilia or old photos, please contact Susan Borgatti Meunier at 786-6669 or Steve Richter at 569-3214.

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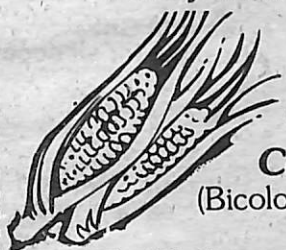
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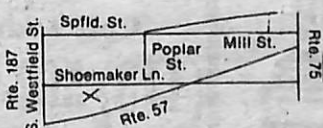
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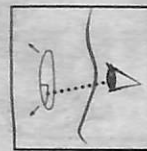
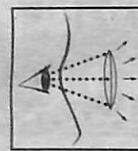
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Tag Sale/Car Wash/Bake Sale Slated For Sat., Sept. 19th

The Agawam Senior Games Athletes will host a Tag Sale/Car Wash/Bake Sale on Saturday, September 19th from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center.

This will be another hard-working but very enjoyable day for the Agawam Senior Games Athletes. We will be looking forward to seeing all our friends come to browse, have their car washed, and visit over a cup of coffee.

Our bake sale promises delicious items (apple pies, etc.) and we will have the grabbags for children and adults that you always look forward to purchasing.

Join us for our usual fun day!!

Golden Age Club Chapter 2 - October Calendar Of Events

October 7th: Anniversary Banquet, Shaker Farms Country Club. Hors-d'oeuvres at 11:00 a.m., dinner at 12:00 noon. Entertainment provided by Roland the Trumpet Man.

October 13th-15th: Bus trip to Amish Country, Strasburg, Pennsylvania. The big event is the show "Noah."

October 21st: Regular meeting, 1:30 p.m. Speaker: Frances Gagnon, local historian.

October 23rd: Board of Directors meeting, Senior Center, 1:00 p.m.

October 26th: Bus trip to Mohegan Sun.

Upcoming Events Scheduled To Be Held At Spfld. Turnverein

The Cultural Committee of the Springfield Turnverein of Agawam, 176 Garden Street, Feeding Hills, is starting off its new season by showing the film "Ode to Joy and Freedom - The Fall of the Berlin Wall" on Sunday, September 20th, beginning at 2:30 p.m. This is the story of the beginning and end of the infamous symbol of the Cold War. All friends are cordially invited to the showing of this film. Refreshments will conclude the afternoon.

On Friday evening, September 25th, the Ladies' Auxiliary will be having a lasagna dinner at the Club. Dinner will be served from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Menu to include: lasagna, salad, bread and butter, coffee/tea, and dessert. All this for only \$6 per adult and \$3 for children under 10 years of age. Please call the Club at 786-0924 by September 23rd with your reservations. Again, all our friends are invited to join us.

Girl Scout Registration On September 21st At Ag. Congregational

Registration for all Agawam girls ages five through 17 who are interested in joining Pioneer Valley Girl Scouts will be at the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

All girls are invited to attend to learn about the exciting programs and experiences that await them when they join Girl Scouts! Leaders and co-leaders are needed for all levels of Girl Scouting.

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Combining the work of renowned paleontologist Jack Horner with the artistry and imagination of Rob Skiba of New Frontiers Production Company, The Big E's Dinosaur Encounter, brought to you by Sears, will be the premiere feature at the 77th celebration of "The Great New England Fall Festival."

The exhibit is open throughout The Big E, September 18th through October 4th, in the Young Building, and features over a dozen rollicking, battling, and bellowing dinosaur replicas in a lush, vivid environment that includes an erupting volcano and giant vegetation.

Based on actual fossils, the robotic dinosaurs of animatronics wizards Kokoro are built to scale, but are sure to make this year's Big E the largest ever. The exhibit encompasses the Cretaceous and Jurassic periods, bringing together a tyrannosaurus, three triceratops, and a stegosaurus, along with a pteranodon whose wingspan reaches an astonishing 23 feet.

Perhaps most enlightening is the Corythosaurus mother, an eight-foot behemoth gently nurturing its hatchlings. This touching scene contrasts sharply with the fierce battle between two pachycephalosaurs.

Other exhibits include a dig box and rub station, in which visitors can conduct their own archaeological digs or create lasting souvenirs from their exploration of our planet's ancient history.

A gift shop is provided by the Springfield Library and Museums, from which dinosaur-related merchandise may be purchased. Dinosaur fossils and articles from the Museum of Natural History in Springfield, Massachusetts, will also be displayed.

With built-in safety features, the computerized dinosaurs of The Big E's Dinosaur Encounter, brought to you by Sears, allow close viewing of their smooth, lifelike movements. The dinosaurs are all hand-crafted, the suppleness of their skin owing to Kokoro's patented technique of attaching the outer shell of each dinosaur while the replica is in motion.

The robots are moved through the use of air cylinders, completing the illusion of natural activity. A dazzling array of lighting and sound effects create an equally realistic world for these robotic reptiles to inhabit a world which Skiba has designed, fabricated, and painted with awe-inspiring reflections of a bygone era.

An exhibit with the didactic purpose of instruction through entertainment, The Big E's Dinosaur Encounter, brought to you by Sears, thrills its audience like no Hollywood spectacle ever could.

Come celebrate the best of New England at The Big E, September 18th through October 4th. For more information, call (413) 737-2443 or visit us on the worldwide web at www.thebigE.com.

Big E Shuttle Service By AHS Band Parents

On the three weekends of The Big E, the Agawam High School Band Parents' Association will again sponsor hassle-free shuttle parking for The Big E at Agawam High School.

Shuttle parking will be available September 19th, 20th, 26th, and 27th and October 3rd and 4th. There will be no parking at the High School during the week.

All proceeds received from the \$4 parking fee will be used for the benefit of the Agawam High School Band. Shuttle buses will leave the high school parking lot every 30 minutes beginning at 9:00 a.m.

The last shuttle will leave The Big E at 10:00 p.m. The shuttle charge is \$1 each way for adults and 75 cents each way for children six through 12, payable to the bus driver. For those fairgoers parking at the High School, adult discount tickets for The Big E are available for \$10. This fee includes the round-trip shuttle fare.

This convenience to the fairgoer is provided by The Big E and the PVTA. Discount tickets are available upon payment of the parking fee. Fairgoers who have used shuttle parking in previous years have remarked over and over how convenient it was.

Avoid the hassle of weekend traffic and high-priced parking. Park at the High School, pick up discount tickets, and benefit the award-winning High School Band all at the same time.

Perreaults Announce Birth Of Son, Stephon

Jeff and Lisa Perreault of Boulder, Colorado are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Stephon Yves Perreault, born August 20, 1998 at 9:09 p.m.

Stephon weighed eight pounds, eight ounces and was 21 inches long. His father is formerly of Agawam.

He is the grandson of Rick and Sylvia Layh of Boulder and Peggy Gacona of Agawam and Preston Perreault of Melbourne, Florida.

Holiday Country Fair At Country Estates

Country Estates of Agawam, located at 1200 Suffield Street in Agawam, will be holding its annual Holiday Country Fair on Friday, November 13th from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 14th from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Included in the fair will be craft items, baked goods, raffles, and holiday gift items.

There are still a few more spaces available for craft vendors. The public is welcome.

Pack 75 Is Still Taking Registrations

Pack 75 is still holding sign-ups for boys in grade one through grade five.

If you missed our sign-up on Thursday, September 10th, because of school night or other reasons, feel free to call us. We accept new boys throughout the year.

We are also at the Sacred Heart Social Center on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., and also on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

You may call us at 786-2309. If no one answers, please leave message; we will get back to you.

Annual Friendship Banquet Slated By Spfld. Rescue Mission

The Springfield Rescue Mission is planning its Annual Friendship Banquet Monday, October 5th at Chez Josef in Agawam.

All are welcome to join us as we recognize our volunteers and honored guests. Come and see what has been happening at the Rescue Mission.

Keynote speaker is Frank Jacobs, Executive Director of the Miami Rescue Mission, Florida. Dr. Jacobs travels widely as a concert recording artist and conference speaker.

Plan to be with us for an exciting evening. For more information, please call the Springfield Rescue Mission at 732-0808 during regular business hours.

"Eldercare Planning" To Be Held At Heritage Woods On Sept. 23rd

John Hancock Financial Seminars presents "Eldercare Planning," a free seminar providing information on a long-term care insurance, the costs of nursing home care, the truth about Medicare and Medicaid, and when to consider private insurance.

The program presenters include Sarah K. Willey, JD of John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance and Attorney Cheryl J. Dunn of Bacon & Wilson.

Join Heritage Woods on September 23, 1998 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Seating is limited, so please RSVP to Heritage Woods at (413) 786-9704.

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Accepting Our Part Of The Blame

By now, is there one person who does not know that President Clinton has made some awful mistakes in his personal life?

By now, how many of us are not more educated than we ever thought we would be or wanted to be about kinky behavior? The voices of outrage and judgement abound across the land. Many of these voices, if not most, originate within the Christian Church. Protestant and Catholic leaders alike have been rushing to their pulpits to be heard on this matter.

It is time for the Church to address its own grave shortcomings concerning President Clinton. What is that, you say? Is it somehow the Church's fault that President Clinton has been so badly misbehaving? Surprisingly, the answer is yes, at least in part. The Bible gives the Church specific instructions regarding civic leaders.

1 Timothy 2:1-4 commands us: **"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."**

Please observe the words, **"First of all."** When the topic of our civic leaders comes to mind, the first order of business of the Church is to pray fervently for them. Our prayers are to include **thanksgivings**. In all honesty, how many of the many talking heads sprouting up over the pulpits have been leading their congregations in prayer for President Clinton? This writer must admit that while he has done that more than some others, he has failed to live up to his own modest expectations of himself; and has failed God even more miserably. For this writer, criticism and judgement of our nation's leader come more easily and quickly than **supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings**. This writer repents.

In some way, President Clinton's moral failures very much do reflect the shortcomings of every professing Christian. There are millions of us in this country. Question: Is it really possible that if millions of Christians were obeying God's commands found in 1 Timothy 2:1-4, that President Clinton would not have been affected by that? Jesus said, **"For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you."** With all due respect, compared to moving mountains, influencing one man's heart should be small work for millions of Christians who set themselves to prayer in obedience to God's Word.

In some ways, President Clinton's shame is the Church's shame. Dwight L. Moody used to say about notorious sinners, "There, but for the grace of God, go I." While it is neither accurate nor fair to blame the Church entirely for President Clinton's behavior, neither is it correct to excuse our laxity, either. We have not been faithful to do what we were told to do, and our nation as a whole is suffering the consequences of our faithlessness.

Jesus said, **"Whoever is faithful in a very little matter is also faithful in much."** The President's personal shortcomings have been generally well-known for many years. The Church could have, and should have, done better. The uproar all around us is the antithesis of what is promised when the Church is faithful and obedient: **so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.**

Fall Rummage Sale At St. Joseph's Polish Church

The Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament Society of St. Joseph's Polish National Catholic Church will be holding their annual fall Rummage Sale again this year.

The sale will be held at the church Social Center, Clinton Avenue in Westfield.

Doors will open at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, October 9th until 3:00 p.m. and once again on Saturday, October 10th from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

White elephant items will also be featured. There should be something for everyone! Come take a look!

Church School Season To Begin This Sunday At First Baptist

Classes for all ages will be available this Sunday morning at First Baptist Church, as the new church school season begins.

At the 9:30 a.m. service of worship, Pastor Richard Barnes will speak on "The Attitude of Gratitude," using as his scriptural text Philipians 4: 10-19. Special music will be presented by the choir. Coffee and conversation follows worship in Davis Hall.

The Social Action Committee will meet in Lockhart Parlor following worship.

Two adults classes will be offered this season. The first is led by Pastor Barnes, "Nuts and Bolts," dealing with Baptist beliefs and practices. In addition, a new class, "Discovering the Bible," will be led by Rev. Mercedes Barnes and Marianne Tompkins.

Classes are held after the coffee hour, and convene until 11:45 a.m.

The Board of Religious Education has announced the church school staff for the coming year.

They include: Nursery, Susan Crochetiere; Kindergarten, Marjorie Greenough; First and Second Grades, Linda Chicklas; Third and Fourth Grades, Ray Williams, Jr.; Fifth and Sixth Grades, Lisa McLaughlin; Seventh and Eighth Grades, Stephen Bailey; Ninth through 12th Grades, Hope Paradysz.

Children's Church Coordinator is Linda Chicklas, assisted by Joelle Baker, Lorie Baker, Jean Gill, Donna Modzelewski, Judy Walker, and Joan Woods.

Stephen Bailey is the Youth Director, with the Junior Youth Group being led by John Barber. Librarian is Barbara Williams.

On our calendar this week:

Monday, September 21st: 7:30 p.m., The Word Search Bible Study.

Tuesday, September 22nd: 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:00 p.m., Junior Youth Group.

Wednesday, September 23rd: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Trading Post; 10:00 a.m., Bell Ringers Rehearsal.

Thursday, September 24th: 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal.

Friday, September 25th: Junior Youth Blast Weekend - Camp Ashmere.

Saturday, September 27th: 7:00 p.m., Single Parent Support Group.

News And Notes From F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Worship hour begins at 10:00 a.m.

The lectionary readings for this Sunday, the 16th Sunday after Pentecost, are Amos 8:4-7, Psalm 113, 1 Timothy 2:1-7, and Luke 16:1-13.

The Lector will be Jackie Gilmartin. Rev. Donaldson's sermon title is "The Right Time."

Children are welcome to attend worship with their parents; nursery care will be provided for the very young.

Christian education classes for the 1998/1999 Sunday School year have begun. This year, we have added two new classes.

We now offer a preschool class that meets at 10:15 on Sunday mornings. A confirmation class for children ages 12 and older will meet Sunday mornings.

If you have any questions, please call the church office at 786-5061.

The Eastern States Exposition begins this Friday. When you're there and you get hungry for a delicious, slow-cooked meal, stop in at the Meeting House in Storowton Village.

Our church members will happily serve you a scrumptious meal of meatloaf, baked ham, chicken pot pie, capon, or roast beef. So skip the fast food and give your feet a rest and your soul a real treat!

The Cub Scouts have begun meeting in our church on Mondays evenings. Please keep this in mind when planning an event or meeting here at the church.

Check the calendar to make sure nothing else has been scheduled. We are a busy place!

On the calendar:

Thursday, September 17th: Newsletter deadline; 7:00 p.m., A.A.

Friday, September 18th: Big E begins; 5:00 to 10:00 p.m., Griswold Hall in use.

Sunday, September 20th: 10:00 a.m., Morning Worship/Sunday School.

Monday, September 21st: 5:00 p.m., Open Pantry Board of Directors meeting; 6:30 p.m., Cub Scouts; 7:00 p.m., Trustees; 7:00 p.m., Hampden Assoc. Mission Committee.

Tuesday, September 22nd: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

Wednesday, September 23rd: 8:15 a.m., Blue Seal Breakfast at Big E; 7:00 p.m., Choir.

Thursday, September 24th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

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Tag Sale At Sacred Heart Church...



IN LEFT PHOTO: Mary Spinelli, Nancy Doucette, Theresa Barlow, and Lee Dion at the baked goods table at Sacred Heart Church's tag sale, which was held on Saturday, September 12th. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Michelle Millier and Cory Kibbe sold a variety of handmade wooden crafts at the tag sale. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



ELEANOR BALBONI AND BETSY CIEMPA at the tag sale held at Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

St. Thomas Church Seeks Crafters For Holiday Craft Fair

The Women's Club of St. Thomas Church, Westfield St. (Route 20), West Springfield is accepting applications from crafters interested in participating in its sixth annual Holiday Craft Fair to be held Saturday, November 7th from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium. For further information, please call 737-2166 or 737-4145.

Dominican Nuns Chapel To Hold Annual Rosary Sunday Devotions On October 4th

Annual Rosary Sunday Devotions will be held at the Chapel of the Dominican Nuns, 1430 Riverdale Street, West Springfield on October 4th at 1:00 p.m.

The Reverend Joseph Barringer, O.P. of Providence College in Providence, Rhode Island will be the featured preacher. The service will include Homily, Rosary, blessing and distribution of

roses, as well as Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Roses will be distributed to the guests by the members of the Dominican Laity Chapter. The public is invited to attend.

For more information, contact Sister Charlotte Matthews, O.P. at the Monastery, 736-3639.

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Church News - continued...**K Of C Council 5585
Holds Induction Of
Officers At St. John's**

On Tuesday, September 8th, the J.F.K. Council 5585 Knights of Columbus held its annual induction of officers at St. John the Evangelist Church.

Elected as officers this year were Frank Meagher, Grand Knight; Bob Templeton, Deputy Grand Knight; Jim Jenks, Financial Secretary; Jim Hayes, Recorder; Bob Sullivan, Treasurer; John C. Patrick, Chancellor; Tom Murray, Warden; Nick Porfillio, Inside Guard; Dennis Buell, Outside Guard; John Teahan, Advocate; Fr. Wm. Lunney, Chaplain; Brendon O'Neil, Lecturer; and Nelson Letendre, Edmond Francis, and Jack Rohan, Trustees.

The Knights of Columbus are the largest fraternal group for Catholic men in the world. Its membership is open to all Catholic men over the age of 18.

The Agawam Council is best known for its annual Tootsie Roll Drive at the Agawam-West Springfield Bridge during the 17 days of The Big E.

Last year, the Council raised over \$6,000 to be used with over \$500,000 raised statewide for the benefit of the mentally challenged of all ages and physically challenged youth up to age 18.

If you know of an individual or a family who could use our help, please contact Frank Meagher at 786-8023. This assistance is available to all individuals regardless of financial status or religious affiliation. The Knights want to help wherever they can. So, please give us a call as soon as possible.

If you are interested in learning more about the Knights or would like to join the Agawam Council, please call Grand Knight Frank Meagher at 786-8023 and he will give you the information required.

**Weekly Calendar From
Ag. Congregational**

This Sunday, September 20th, is the 16th Sunday after Pentecost. The Worship Service begins at 10:30 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

Rev. Fuller's Sermon will be: "Building Trust," taken from Text: Jeremiah 8:18, 9:1. His Children's Message will be: "In God We Trust."

Church School continues at 9:00 a.m. for seventh through 12th grades, and Crib Room through sixth grade will meet at 10:30 a.m.

The Children's Choir will meet immediately following the Worship Service in the Choir Room with Ellen Cogen, the Minister of Music. Any child who would like to join may attend.

Youth News: On Saturday, September 19th, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m., the Club 34 (third and fourth grades) Youth Group will meet. On Sunday, September 20th, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m., the Club 56 (fifth and sixth grades) Youth Group will meet.

Youth Advisor Tammy Washburn will lead these groups. The youth are invited to bring a friend from their grades.

The Open Pantry item for this Sunday is toilet paper.

Items collected will be donated to the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry.

The Playgroup began on Thursday morning, September 17th, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Playgroup is open to infants through pre-school age children.

There will be a New Member Pot Luck Supper held on Sunday, October 4th, at 5:30 p.m. in Bryan Hall. All new members and their families are invited to attend.

Dessert and beverages will be provided by the Friendship Committee, who is sponsoring the dinner.

For more information, call the Church Office at 786-7111.

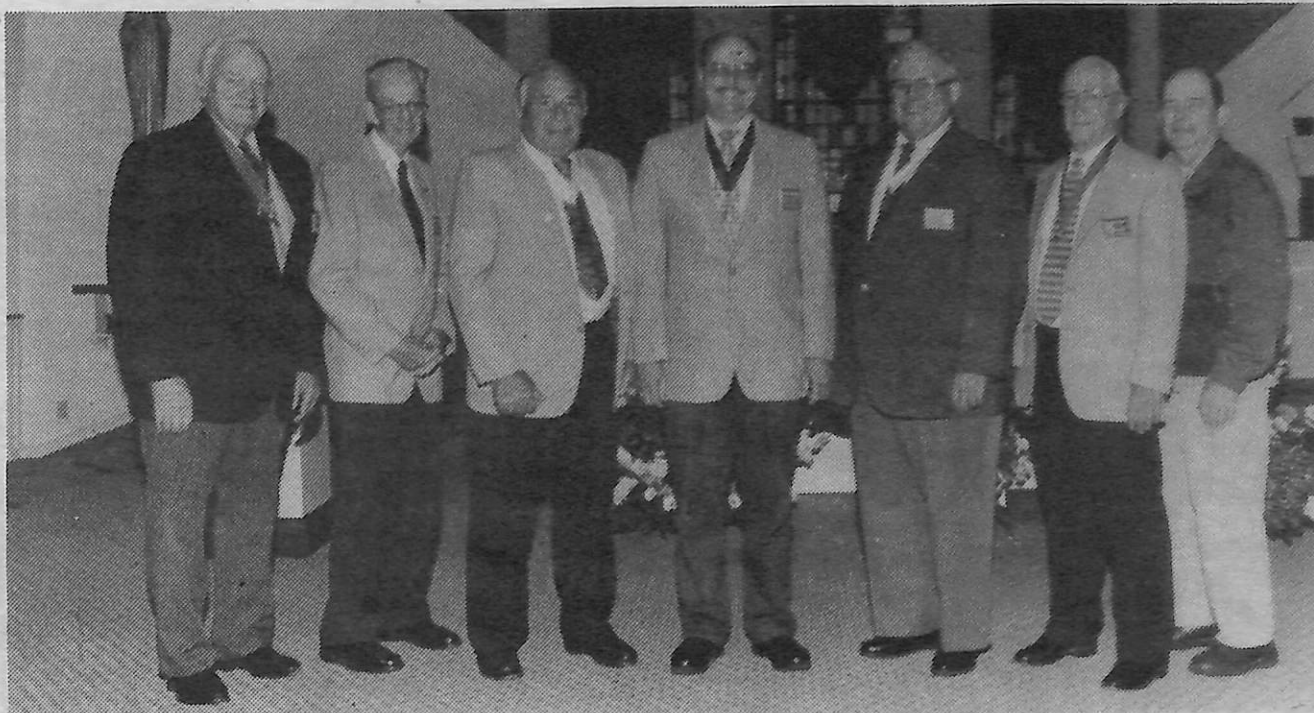
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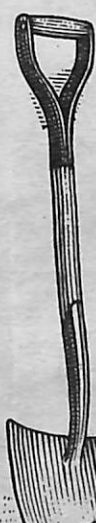
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Church News - continued...**Parish News And
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During the summer, the following children were welcomed into the Body of Christ:

Anthony John Trigilio, child of John-Paul & Barbara; **Abaigeal Grace Malouin**, child of Paul & Amanda; **Troy Arthur Gallerani**, child of Donald & Lori; **Sydney Alexa O'Keefe**, child of Jeffrey & Donna; **Gianna Marjorie Perella**, child of Barry & Cheryl; **David Christopher Hout**, child of Chris & Kimberly.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Classes start September 19th, 21st, and 22nd (Grades 1-10).

Teachers are still needed in several grades, especially Grades 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, and 10. Training will be provided.

Call Sr. Fran Gloster, 786-8105.

DANCERS 'N MOTION AT ST. JOHN'S

Ladies' exercise on Mondays at 6:15 p.m., and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Children's classes are forming.

Call Grace at 786-6636.

MOTHERS' PLAY GROUP

Our Mothers' Play Group for little people will start on Tuesday, September 22nd. The group meets weekly thereafter from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

If interested in joining, please call Amy, 789-4264.

OVER 60 CLUB

A Trip to Lancaster, Pennsylvania (with the show "NOAH" and a visit to Gettysburg), has been planned for November 3rd-6th. This trip is open to members and non-members, and the cost is \$370 (dbl. occ.).

Call Barbara, 786-7037, or Lil, 786-9586.

**Stop By Valley
Community Church
While At The Big E**

The fun just never stops as members of Valley Community Church open their booth in the Food Court at The Big E again this year.

And even though the preparation work is long and intense, it is also stirring memories of last year's enjoyment. So as they race down the final days until the gates open on Friday, September 18th, we watch as they fly by in a dither, with grit determination on their faces, focused on what they need to accomplish and knowing, by past experience, that all will be ready with time to spare by Friday.

We invite all in our community to stop by to eat while enjoying all the sights and sounds of The Big E. The booth, located in the Food Court directly behind the Coliseum, will be opening for breakfast at 6:00 a.m. and stay open until the gates close each evening. There will be a wide variety of foods, from soups to burgers, from pancakes and eggs to peanut butter and jelly (made just for kids). And those delicious homemade fruit cobblers, just like Grandma used to make, will once again be available.

So of the noise and the crowds and the sea of strangers begin to get to you, take a break and come by the church booth. You're sure to find a familiar, smiling face behind the counter, encouraging you to once again enjoy the sights and the sounds of this year's Big E.

LEGAL NOTICE**LEGAL NOTICE****TOWN OF AGAWAM
BOARD OF APPEALS**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1998 at 6:30 P.M., for all parties interested in the appeal of the GETTY REALTY CORP., which is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-7, Paragraph B of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the alteration of the existing facility at the premises identified as: 1154 SPRINGFIELD STREET.

Larry Hoague
Acting Chairman

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Best local news...

Ready To Hold More Church Suppers...

AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH is known throughout the area for its delicious suppers, and the church has been busy preparing for another year of satisfying the appetites of its parishioners and visitors. Pictured above are the individuals who are instrumental in the planning of these suppers: standing - Jim Randolph and Dick Bassett; seated - Dale Melanson, P.J. Owen, Mary Jane Stuart, and Carol Allen. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

**Good Shepherd
Church Slates
Annual Tag Sale**

The Church of the Good Shepherd, located at 214 Elm Street in West Springfield, will hold its annual all-parish tag sale on Saturday, October 3rd, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Because this event will take place indoors, it will be held rain or shine.

You will find a large variety of new and used household goods, a computer, collectibles, comic books, videos and CD's, furniture, sports equipment, toys, clothes in excellent condition, and books (including best-sellers).

This parish event has something for everyone, including a perennial sale. Our snack bar will feature homemade soup again this year.

There are a few spaces available for the public if you would like to rent a table. Call Lainey at 734-1976 or Mary at 733-3420 for information or to reserve a space.

**"Taste Of Italy"
To Be Held At Mt.
Carmel Parish In Spfld.**

The seventh Annual Festival of "The Taste of Italy" at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish in Springfield will be held on Saturday, October 3rd in the school auditorium at 36 Margaret Street beginning at 4:30 p.m.

A wide variety of your favorite Italian homemade foods from all regions of Italy will please your palate. Food tickets in 50-cent increments will be sold at the door.

There will also be live Italian music. A benefit raffle for the parish preschool will take place at 8:00 p.m.

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- Organize your records. Use an expendable accordion file with labels for every category ... or, you can use something as basic as a shoe box. The important thing is to keep all of your bills together in one place. Organize them as you care for them, and you won't have to do it all over again at tax time.

- Cut down on the number of credit cards in the family. Many Americans have eight to 10 cards ... you need two at most. This will cut down on fees and the number of bills and payments you have to handle every month. Pay off other cards or transfer balances to a card with a low-interest rate. The fewer bills you pay each month, the easier it is to keep track of them.

- If you have investments in mutual funds, consolidate them with a discount broker. All of your accounts will appear on a single monthly statement, and you can trade among funds without having to make a lot of phone calls and keep up with a lot of similar investments. You can quickly see whether a fund is not performing and switch it.

Along with these areas, take a look at all the other areas that you have been conditioned to spend money, such as magazine subscriptions, memberships in organizations, and the like. Are these things you still want? Remember, the average family spends more time planning their weekly grocery list than they do maintaining their personal finances.

Ray Rose of THE PIONEER GROUP can be reached by phone, 413-731-6800; voice mail, 413-786-0961; or fax, 413-731-6881. THE PIONEER GROUP is the area's number one buyer's agent.

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In your offer, spell out the special conditions of the purchase. Include items such as appliances and window treatments, and closing and occupancy dates. Your purchase may be contingent on your ability to obtain financing or a favorable inspection report.

You will submit earnest money with your offer. If you buy the house, the earnest money is applied to the down payment or closing costs. If your offer isn't accepted, your money will be refunded.

The seller with either accept or reject your offer. If the offer is rejected, you may be presented with a counteroffer.

For more information about buying a home, call Pam Savioli at (413) 748-7565.

Pharmacist Peter White Receives National Recognition

Peter White, a local pharmacist, was recently nominated and selected for national recognition of his accomplishments in pharmacy.

Peter was included among a select group for his work in patient focus and pharmaceutical care. The survey was recently published in *Drug Topics*, a pharmacy professional journal, in an article entitled, "Chain Pharmacy's Personnel Best."

Pharmacists selected to this group were nominated by the chain's pharmacy directors. After submitted, nominees were selected based on their contribution and accomplishments in the profession.

Mr. White is currently employed by Shaw's Supermarkets. He manages a pharmacy for Shaw's in Vernon, Connecticut. He is also trained in disease state management, in the area of diabetes. He has been in the supermarket/pharmacy field for approximately 12 years, and has been a registered pharmacist for over 17 years.

He and his wife, Denise, reside in Feeding Hills. They have two sons, Matthew and Patrick.



PETER WHITE

Cendant Mobility Services Corp. Enters Agreement With Keenan & Molta Associates

Southwick: Cendant Mobility Services Corporation (Cendant Mobility), based in Danbury, Connecticut and COLDWELL BANKER KEENAN & MOLTA ASSOCIATES, headquartered in Southwick, have entered into an agreement granting COLDWELL BANKER KEENAN & MOLTA ASSOCIATES the status of Associate Broker for Cendant Mobility Services Corporation, the number one provider of relocation and relocation related services.

The agreement establishes the firm's relationship with Cendant Mobility. Under the agreement, COLDWELL BANKER KEENAN & MOLTA ASSOCIATES will have the opportunity to manage Cendant Mobility's corporate properties within the COLDWELL BANKER KEENAN & MOLTA ASSOCIATES market areas. In addition to its Southwick operations, COLDWELL BANKER KEENAN & MOLTA ASSOCIATES have additional offices in Westfield, Springfield, Agawam, and Longmeadow.

W. Bruce Wallin, President of the Cendant Mobility Broker Network, said, "This agreement demonstrates our commitment to providing the highest level of service from our broker alliances. COLDWELL BANKER KEENAN & MOLTA ASSOCIATES is just one of many outstanding brokerage firms which have joined our organization and we look forward to working with them in

the years to come."

Robert P. Molta, President of COLDWELL BANKER KEENAN & MOLTA ASSOCIATES, said, "We are excited to have this relationship with Cendant Mobility. As the undisputed leader in the mobility industry, their expertise and know-how, they can offer to us as an Associate Broker will allow us to even better serve our clients in the Springfield area we cover."

Cendant Mobility is the world's largest relocation company and recognized leader in all market segments it serves, including corporate and government relocation, international assignments and consulting services, affinity programs, and asset management services.

Cendant Mobility has more than 1,700 clients and assisted over 100,000 transferring employees in 1997. Globally, Cendant Mobility assists more than 15,000 international assignees annually, in over 92 countries and 300 destination cities.

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Spotlight On Business - continued...

Jet Industries Achieves World Class Recognition

Jet Industries on Silver Street, Agawam recently achieved world class recognition when it became one of the first Aerospace companies in our community to obtain certification as both an ISO 9002 and AS 9000 manufacturer.

ISO 9002 is a quality management system with its roots in the European countries. Virtually all European businesses have adopted ISO 9002 as a standard for doing business. Many of the European Aerospace consumers insist that American companies are certified before awarding them contracts.

AS 9000 is a version of ISO 9002, adopted and strengthened by major domestic Aerospace companies. It is a major tribute to the 40 employees of Jet Industries that such a distinctive feat was able to be accomplished in less than a year.

Jet Industries takes another step at meeting expanded customer demands with the addition of the Mori Seiki SL-65 Turning Center.

The addition of this piece of equipment now allows Jet Industries to turn Aerospace hardware up to 32 inches in diameter.

This now puts Jet Industries in the position to strengthen its market position by competing for larger work.



IN PHOTO ABOVE: Vito Monteleone operates the Mori Seiki SL-65 Turning Center, a new piece of equipment at Jet Industries on Silver Street, Agawam. IN LEFT PHOTO: John Turrini (Plant Manager), Fred Bannock (Q.C. Manager), Marvin Howard (Milling Supervisor), and Steve Morse (Turning Supervisor) after Jet Industries obtained certification as both an ISO 9002 and AS 9000 manufacturer. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



Travel Talk...

by Lori Keeley, CTC
Travel Connections, LTD
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West Spfld., MA 01089

Winter Destinations ... Costa Rica

Costa Rica is a wonderful destination for the very active traveler. The average temperature is 84 degrees year-round. It is located between the Pacific and the Caribbean Sea.

For someone traveling to this area, if you are a U.S. citizen, you will need a valid passport or birth certificate. Costa Rica is a lush tropical paradise surrounded by rain forests, volcanoes, and national parks.

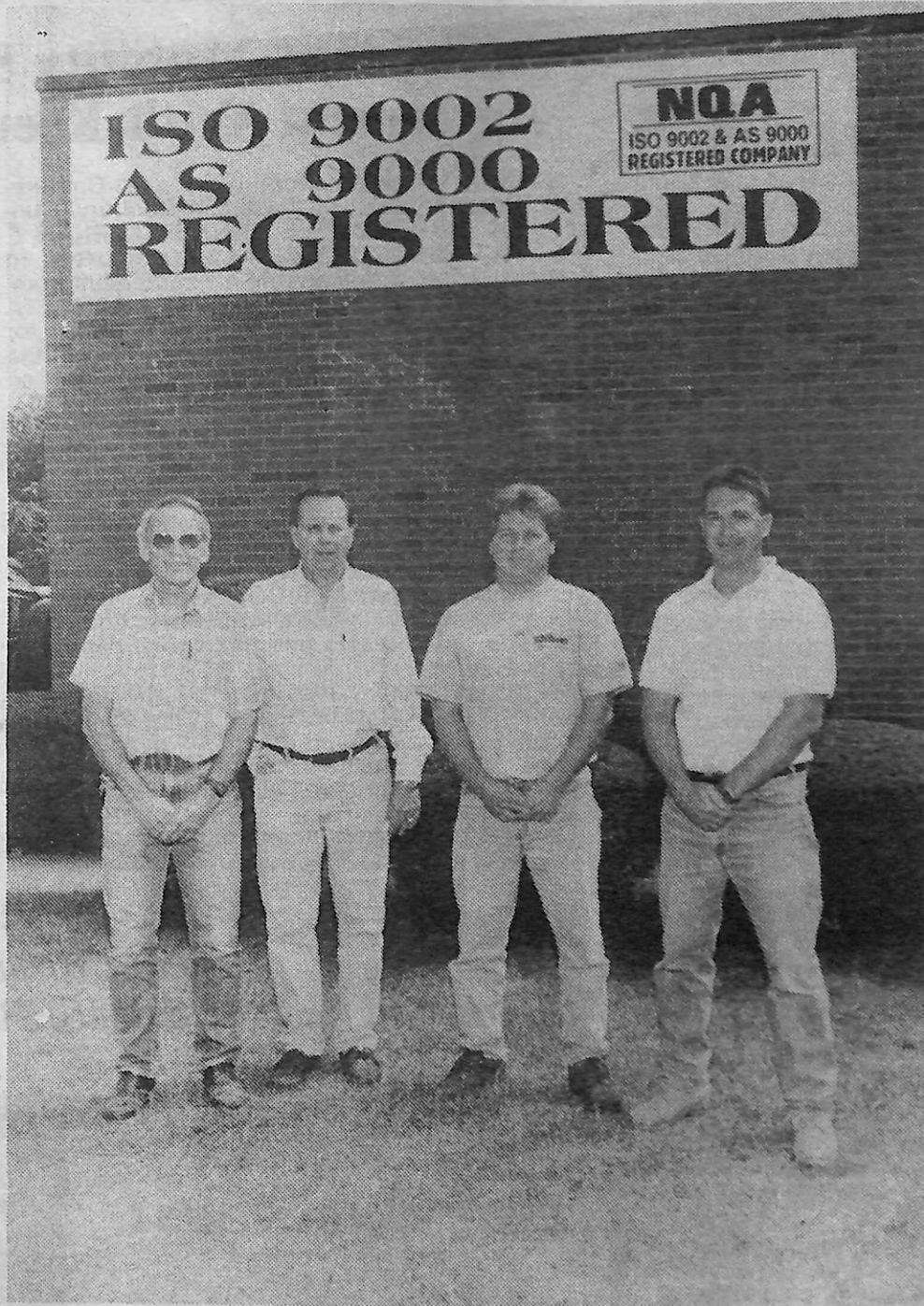
If you love the beach and enjoy sports, Guanacaste is where you want to be. Beach-hopping is an all-time favorite in this area and the number of beaches - well, no one is really certain, but they number in the hundreds.

GWV will offer a Monday charter from Boston this year. The average flying time is five-and-a-half hours when flying non-stop. Costa Rica is a great destination to get away from it all. You will need to bring your bug spray and keep an open mind about the wildlife.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding travel, you can write to Lori Keeley, Travel Connections, LTD, 10 Chestnut Street, West Springfield, MA 01089. Thanks for reading *The Agawam Advertiser News*.

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Stepanik's Farm Stand Is Ready For Halloween...



JEAN JOY with some of the pumpkins that she has painted at Stepanik and Son's Farm Stand, located at 1039 Shoemaker Lane, Feeding Hills. Advertiser News by Jack Devine.



LOOKING FOR A PUMPKIN to decorate this Halloween season? Then be sure to stop by Stepanik & Son's Farm Stand and see the variety of gourds that they have to offer. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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PRODUCTS LIABILITY: Wheelchair Lift Injury

The Plaintiff, a 34 year-old nurse who was working part-time as a medical technician, was transporting a piece of diagnostic machinery. She had been assigned a van equipped with a wheelchair lift, which had been installed and modified by the Defendant to transport the machine.

The Plaintiff was allegedly injured when the safety latch on the lift released, causing the machine to fall on the Plaintiff's right foot, causing a crush type injury to toes and forefoot, resulting in the amputation of the first two toes on the right foot.

The Plaintiff claimed that the safety latch had been designed and fabricated in an adequate fashion by the Defendant. She was fully disabled from May 1994 to September 1994, wherein she returned to work as a nurse on a part-time basis.

The case settled for Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000.00).

Attorney Alan L. Ferrigno maintains an office at 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts.

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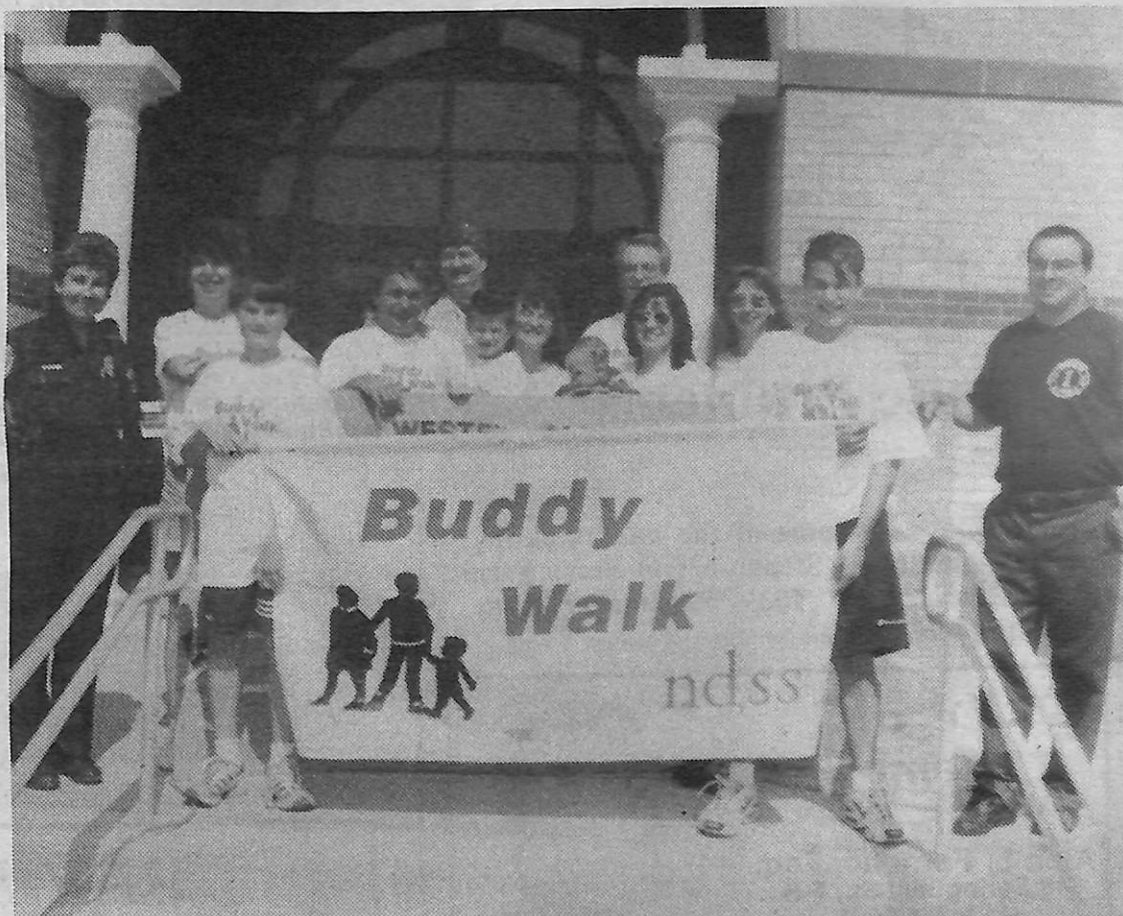
For Your Health

"Buddy Walk 1998" Held At AHS...



LAST SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th, the National Down's Syndrome Society (NDSS) and the Town of Agawam co-sponsored "Buddy Walk 1998," the first annual buddy walk to help raise awareness for people with Down's syndrome who live in Western Massachusetts. The three-mile walk began at Agawam High school, and members of Pioneer Valley Clown Alley No. 225 were on hand to pass out balloons and paint faces. This event was the first walk in Massachusetts to be registered with the NDSS. Advertiser News

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Treatment Of Scoliosis

I am often asked about chiropractic treatment of scoliosis, especially in children.

Children with mild scoliosis treated with chiropractic adjustments have shown a reduction in their spinal curvature, according to the findings of a three-year, \$143,000 study funded by the Foundation for Chiropractic Education and Research.

The researchers were studying the effects of chiropractic procedures on children nine through 15 years-old with mild idiopathic scoliosis (less than 20 degrees of curvature) with no complicating conditions.

The findings were released in a presentation to the International Conference on Spinal Manipulation this past November in Bournemouth, England. This was the first large scale research ever to study chiropractic care and scoliosis in a pediatric population.

Researchers pointed out that the medical community does not offer treatment for spinal curves of less than 20 degrees and, indeed, often doesn't consider such variances as scoliosis. Measurable improvements ranged up to several degrees. It is important to note that scoliosis usually worsens during the growing years. Therefore, even halting an adolescent scoliosis is desirable.

These are some important things that may allow you to detect scoliosis at its beginning so that appropriate treatment can be rendered.

Support For Parents Of Kids With Substance Abuse Problems

Providence Hospital offers a weekly support group for parents of children with drug or alcohol abuse problems. The group meets on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the hospital (located at 1233 Main Street, Holyoke).

The substance abuse services of Providence Hospital are part of Sisters of Providence Behavioral HealthCare. For information on the support group, call Karen Walsh Pio, M.S.W., L.I.C.S.W., Director, Outpatient Counselor, Services, at (413) 493-2032.

Fitness Tips...**Muscle Definition**

by Carmela A. Kirk, RN
Fitness Consultant, Fitness First

Having defined muscles is a worthy goal for many of us. You know what I mean, when you can see the outline and shape of the entire muscle. It's that strong, athletic look.

Muscle definition takes not only work and dedication, but a little bit of know-how. There are two things that need to be worked on — decreasing body fat and strengthening each individual muscle.

The best way to lose body fat, if you haven't already heard, is a low-fat diet and regular exercise. There is no quick way, there is no magic diet or pill, there is no other way.

Slow, steady weight loss is it. One to two pounds per week of body fat is all your body can metabolize. If you lose more than this, you are losing something other than fat, like muscle or water. You only want to lose fat.

Why? Because you can have beautiful, strong, healthy muscles, but if they are covered in a layer of fat, you probably won't feel too good about them and you will probably think you are doing something wrong. So get rid of those pounds slowly and steadily and let the athlete in you emerge.

Now you can define those muscles with some resistance training. Use each muscle individually against resistance until it is tired. At the gym, we have many different ways to do this.

Some choose to lift free weights, others use the cybex machines, still others take Body Pump classes. All are equally effective as long as you are challenging yourself, and stay safe.

You don't work the same muscle two days in a row. Muscles need a day to rest and restore themselves. That is how they strengthen and define. You should never feel pain. (Although you may hear a few cries for mercy, honest, we are enjoying the training!) Your muscles should feel a bit tight afterward and a nice burn is effective, but no real pain or discomfort.

Use a weight that you can lift comfortably eight to 10 times. Rest for one minute. Do it again. Move on to a different muscle. That is basically it.

Another thing to remember is to change up your routine frequently. If your body is comfortable with your routine, it will not change.

Avoid doing the same thing for more than a couple of months. Not only will this prevent boredom, but it will do wonders for increasing definition.

A Happy Camper!!!

NINE YEAR-OLD Corey Drouin of Feeding Hills (above) masters a hula hoop at Easter Seals Camp in Poland Spring, Maine. He was one of 200 Massachusetts youngsters with disabilities who participated in Easter Seals camping programs in Maine, Massachusetts, and Connecticut this summer. Corey was a first-time camper, and archery was his favorite activity. He made several new friends (some with disabilities, some without) and can't wait to return next year.

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For Your Health - continued...



Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell
Registered Dietician

Phytochemicals - New Wave Nutrition

Besides nutrients, there's another "crop" of compounds in plant foods — legumes, vegetables, fruits, and whole grains — that may affect your body. Collectively they're called phytochemicals, meaning plant chemicals.

Phytochemicals are substances that plants naturally produce to protect themselves against viruses, bacteria, and fungi. And they include hundreds of naturally occurring substances, including carotenoids, flavonoids, indoles, isoflavones, capsaicin, and protease inhibitors. As with vitamins and minerals, different plant foods supply different kinds and amounts of phytochemicals.

Their exact role in promoting health is still uncertain. However, certain phytochemicals may help protect against some cancers, heart disease, and other chronic health conditions. So, stay tuned!

Until scientific research learns more, the nutrition bottom line still applies: include a wide variety of fruits, vegetables, legumes, and grains. And count on food, not dietary supplements, for the health qualities they provide.

That way, you'll reap the potential benefits of the many phytochemicals found in all kinds of foods from plant sources.

Here are some fun ways to eat your phytochemicals:

NECTARINE/PEACH WHIRL

- 1 Chilean nectarine or peach, cut in chunks
- 1/2 c. 1% milk
- 1/2 c. orange juice
- 1 Tbsp. honey
- 1/4 tsp. almond extract

2 ice cubes, cracked

Put all ingredients in a blender. Blend on high speed for 15 seconds.

Makes 1 1/2 cups; 1 serving; 239 calories; 1.99 g of fat.

FRUIT-AND-HONEY SPINACH SALAD

- 8 c. loosely packed fresh spinach leaves
- 2 c. cantaloupe balls
- 1 1/2 c. halved fresh strawberries
- 2 Tbsp. seedless raspberry jam
- 2 Tbsp. raspberry white wine vinegar
- 1 Tbsp. honey
- 2 tsp. olive oil
- 1/4 c. chopped macadamia nuts

Combine spinach, cantaloupe balls, and strawberry halves in a large bowl. Toss gently. Combine jam and next 3 ingredients in a small bowl. Stir with whisk until blended. Drizzle over spinach mixture. Toss well. Sprinkle with nuts.

Six servings; 128 calories; 6.3 g of fat.

Nancy Dell, MS, is a registered dietitian in private practice in Feeding Hills and the media representative for the Massachusetts Dietetic Association. She can be contacted at (413) 786-2957.

Educational Programs On Breast Cancer At Baystate Medical Ctr.

The Comprehensive Breast Center at Baystate Medical Center will hold two free informative educational sessions for women concerning breast cancer on October 6th-7th.

"Nutrition and Breast Cancer" will be held on Tuesday, October 6th, and will be presented by Karen Kulakowski, R.D., a Baystate Medical Center nutritionist. On the following evening, Wednesday, October 7th, Dr. William Reed, director of Surgical Oncology at Baystate, and Dr. Grace Makari-Judson, medical director of the Comprehensive Breast Center, will present "Breast Cancer Prevention," a session concerning a new breast cancer prevention trial to be offered shortly at Baystate Medical Center.

Both sessions will be held from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in Baystate Medical Center's new Chestnut Conference Center.

Seating is limited and reservations are required by calling The Professionals at 794-2255 or toll-free outside the Springfield calling area at 1-800-377-HEALTH.

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News For Noble Hosp.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Alcoholics Anonymous: Sunday evenings, 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital, 115 West Silver Street, Westfield.

Free of charge. All are welcome.

Stroke Support Group: Wednesday, September 30th, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. In the Bronson Rehabilitation Center Dining Room at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals recovering from a stroke and their support persons.

Diabetes Support Group: Tuesday, September 22nd, 1:00 p.m. In Conference Room A.

Free of charge and open to individuals suffering from diabetes and their support persons.

Gail O'Hara, a Certified Diabetes Nurse Educator, will speak at this meeting about "Managing Your Diabetes."

COURSES/CLINICS/PROGRAMS:

Female Incontinence (Find Out More About It!) with Dr. Ronald Catanese (A Board Certified Urologist on Staff at Noble Hospital): Monday, September 21st, 6:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

More than 15 million American women suffer from urinary incontinence! Come join us and learn more about the most common forms of Female Urinary Incontinence, the factors contributing to this problem, and the newest treatments available.

This lecture is free of charge and open to all. Seating is limited.

Pre-registration is required. To register, call Noble Hospital's Health Beat at (413) 568-2328.

Smoking Cessation - "Forgetting Cigarettes": Sundays, September 20th and 27th, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

This two-part program utilizes hypnosis to eliminate your desires for smoking and allow you to forget cigarettes forever. Presented by Joe Barako, R.N. and Certified Hypnotherapist.

The registration fee is \$40 and is paid the evening of the first session. Seating is limited.

Pre-registration is required. To pre-register or for more information, call Noble Hospital's Health Beat at (413) 568-2328.

34th Noble Hospital Auxiliary Ball - "Autumn Leaves": Saturday, October 24th. At the School Street Bistro.

The ball will feature music by "Mass Confusion," and proceeds from this event will benefit the proposed Women's Health Center at Noble Hospital.

To find out more information about attending the event or how to help sponsor the 34th Noble Hospital Auxiliary Ball, call the Volunteer Services Department at Noble Hospital at 572-5030.

Open House at Barnes Municipal Airport in Westfield, MA: Saturday, October 3rd, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Free admission.

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Strengthening The Neck

Necks take an incredible amount of stress. Seven bones or vertebrae comprise the neck region. These bones, plus ligaments, muscles, and tendons, hold up the head, which weighs approximately 10-12 pounds.

If your posture or balance is off and the head is more forward, that increases the weight the neck has to support. This creates a great strain and can cause pain, muscle tightness, headaches, and other complaints.

Some jobs, such as sitting all day at a computer with the head in one place, can cause the neck muscles to stiffen and cramp.

Sometimes our recreational activities stress the neck. The air show at Westover last weekend was a wonderful display of talent, but to observe the event placed a great amount of stress on the musculature. I am currently taking an astronomy class and I'm finding that being in a sustained position for a set amount of time can cause localized discomfort in the neck. The head is bent backward for a long time, causing muscles to tighten. I imagine birdwatchers must experience occasional discomfort due to their positioning.

It is important to take frequent breaks to mobilize the joints and stretch the region. Slowly bring your chin to your chest, breathe in and out, look up and stretch, turn side-to-side, and bend the head side-to-side. DO NOT ROLL THE NECK. This jams the joints together and creates more problems. Stretch to comfort level, relax, stretch more. If there is pain, do not continue. If you experience light-headedness, dizziness, numbness, or tingling, consult with your chiropractor.

Stretching will help loosen the tight muscles, but you'll also want to strengthen the region by doing isometric exercises. Put your hand on your forehead; push your head into your hand. Hold for 15-20 seconds. Next, put your hands on the back of your head, gently push, and hold.

Then, place your hands first on one side of the head, then the other. These exercises help build up the musculature to help prevent injuries from happening. I try to do these at stoplights, in the shower, in the grocery line, or throughout the day to help build the muscles.

After all, if I want the next comet to be named after me, I'll have to have good muscle tone in the neck to spend time looking through the telescope!

Dr. Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, 786-4820.

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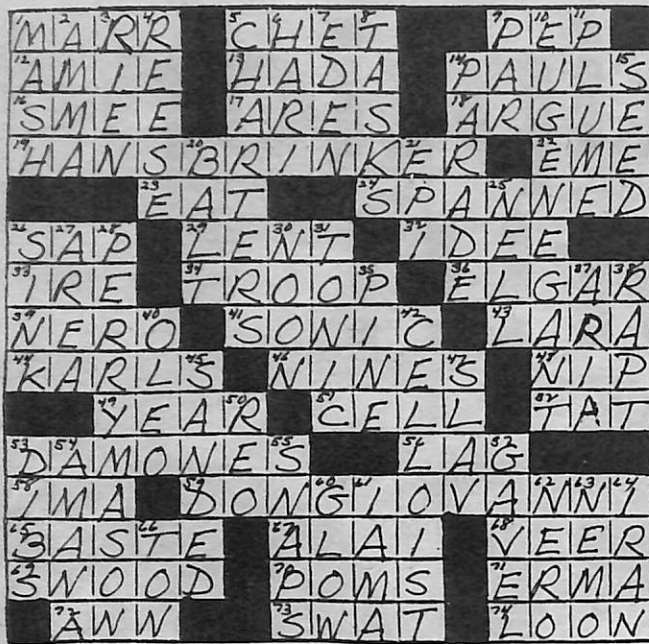


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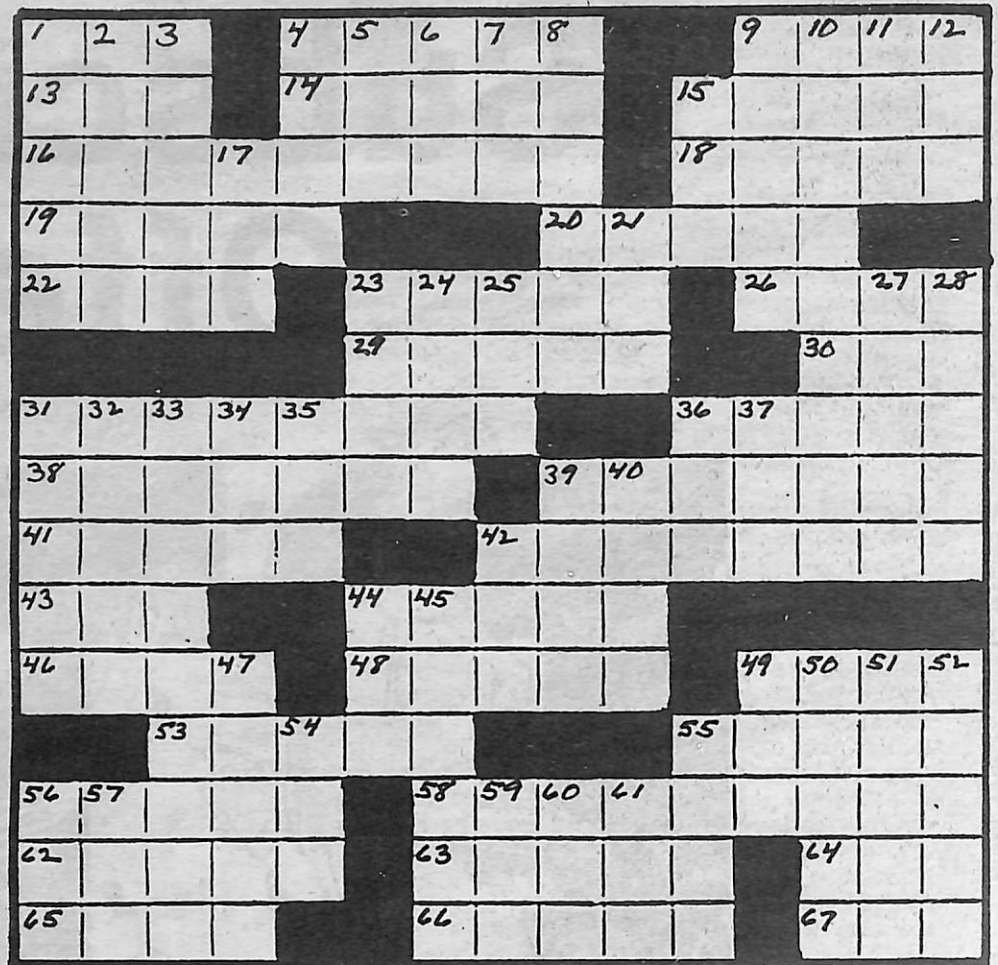
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Meet The Master - by Dick Mastroianni...



Agawam Cultural Council To Sponsor Plan-Your-Own-Trip To New York City

The Agawam Cultural Council will sponsor a plan-your-own-trip to New York City on Saturday, November 21, 1998. Several stops will be made along Fifth Avenue for the convenience of those attending.

Tickets may be obtained by sending a check

made out to the "Agawam Cultural Council" and enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Agawam Cultural Council, 933 River Road, Agawam, MA 01001.

The cost of the trip will be \$20. For further information, call 786-1859.

Book Discussion To Commence In October At Agawam Library

The Agawam Public Library is planning a book discussion for October. Two books by poet and writer Maya Angelou will be discussed on October 19th and 26th from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.; *Wouldn't Take Nothing for My Journey Now*, a book of short essays, and *Heart of a Woman*, an autobiographical work.

All are welcome to join the discussion group and encouraged to participate in the open exchanges of responses to these two works.

Paperback copies of the two books will be loaned to participants to use for the discussion.

During the sessions, the group will also be listening to and looking at a few of Angelou's well-known poems.

Registration began on September 16th and ends on October 9th. Call 789-1550 or stop in to register.

Grant Applications Available From Cultural Council

Applications for the Agawam Cultural Council's arts and humanities grants are available at the Agawam Public Library and the Agawam Town Hall.

Grant applications will be accepted until October 15th. The Agawam Cultural Council will then review all applications in order to distribute the funds from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Funds will be available for 1999 activities.

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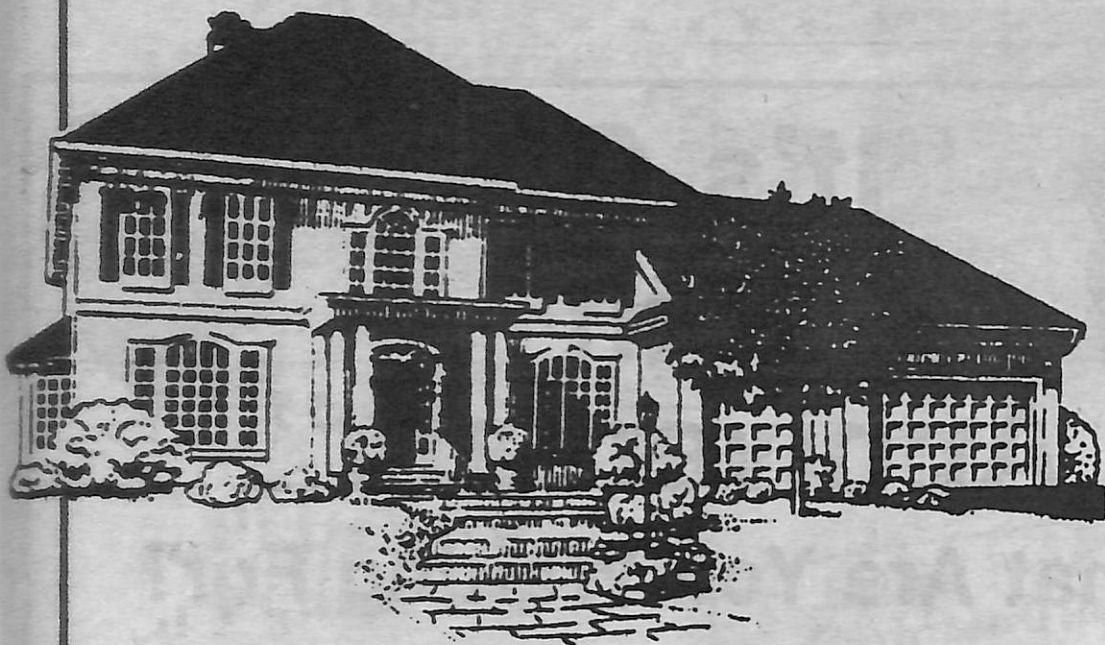
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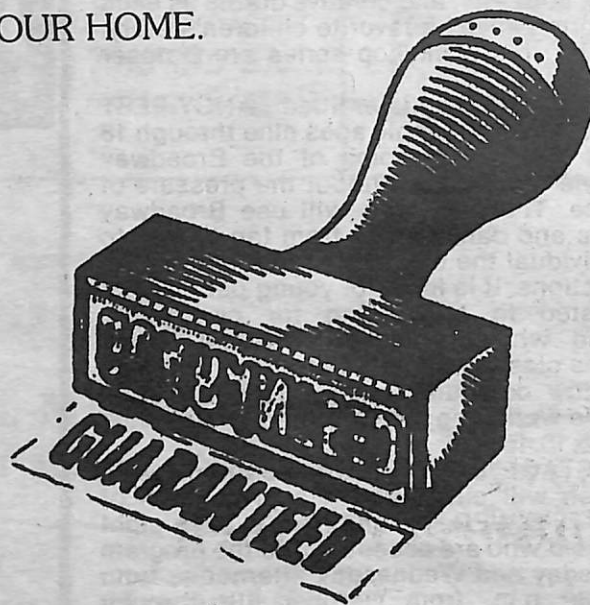
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STAGE Announces Fall Production And Workshops

STAGE is now accepting applications for its fall drama camp and theatre workshops to be held at The Red Door Theatre, 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. Now entering its 10th anniversary season, this award-winning young people's theatre is garnering a faithful following of participants and audiences alike who enjoy live theatre.

The first workshop being offered is CREATIVE DRAMATICS, which meets Saturday mornings from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and is open to children four through eight years-old. CREATIVE DRAMATICS introduces the young child to performing through the use of movement, music, voice, storytelling, puppetry, and creative drama as each week we "bring alive" a favorite children's story. The dates for this workshop series are October 3rd-31st.

The second workshop is entitled FANCY FEET and is open to young people ages nine through 18 who would love to try some of the Broadway musical style of dancing without the pressure of performance. These classes will use Broadway show music and dance steps from tap to jazz to give an individual the chance to get those feet to follow directions. It is ideal for young people who are interested in auditioning for community theatre and who do not take formal dance lessons. The class is open to both boys and girls and is a "low pressure" chance to "dance the dance." This workshop meets Saturday mornings from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.

Finally, STAGE offers its afterschool theatre camp, which will culminate in a production of "CHARLOTTE'S WEB." Young people ages eight to 15 years-old who are accepted into the program attend Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. from October 6th through November 8th. In addition to the roles they rehearse, the youngsters are also engaged in costuming, set decoration, publicity, and poster art which provides them with a well-rounded, dramatic experience.

For more information or to obtain an application for any of these programs, please call (413) 789-2026. The deadline for applications is September 30th.

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The Music Cellar Holds Annual Summer Piano Recital At Colosseum Banquet House

The Colosseum Banquet House was the gala setting once again for The Music Cellar's recently held Annual Summer Piano Recital of West Springfield.

A record attendance of 310 family members and friends enjoyed quality entertainment by 75 performing students. A complete dinner followed the recital.


The performance selections ranged from *I'm a*

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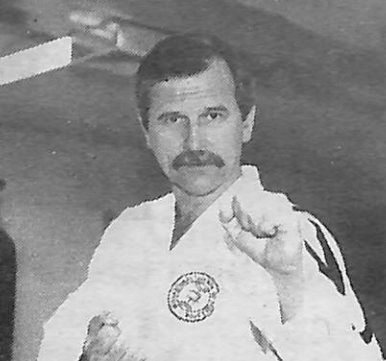
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Education

Aimee R. Racicot To Travel With Peace Corps To Mozambique

Aimee R. Racicot, the daughter of Robert Racicot and Lois Puopolo of West Springfield and Agawam, respectively, will be leaving for Mozambique for a two-year stint as a Secondary Education Volunteer.

While overseas, Racicot will be peer counseling Mozambican teachers of English, and assisting in the development of educational materials and resources. In addition, she will be providing high school students with quality instruction in English, as well as strengthening relations between schools and communities.

A graduate of Agawam High School, Racicot earned her Bachelor's degree in history/Spanish in 1997 from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. Prior to joining the Peace Corps, Racicot taught U.S. citizenship Exam Preparation classes at the Jones Library in Amherst.

According to Racicot, her motivation to join the Peace Corps was sparked by the belief that only through interpersonal relationships with individuals will one ever learn to both respect other cultures and, in turn, hope to earn their respect.

Developing nations consider education to be a top priority. Education continues to be one out of the top three assignment programs in the Peace Corps.

More than 5,000,000 people have learned English under the instruction of Peace Corps instructors. Improvement of existing educational systems is a critical step to achieving long-range development plans.

The Peace Corps is celebrating its 37th anniversary this year. Currently, about 6,500 volunteers from all over the United States serve in more than 80 developing countries.

During their two years of service, Peace Corps volunteers receive a monthly living allowance, housing, complete medical and dental care, transportation to and from their host country, vacation, and a readjustment allowance of \$5,400 (\$200 per month served).

Volunteers must be 18 (there is no upper age limit), single or married, but applicants with dependent children are rarely accepted. They must be U.S. citizens and have either a college degree or three to five years experience in a needed skill area.

For those interested in more information on the Peace Corps, or to get an application, please call 1-800-424-8580, press 1, and ask for ext. 642 or write to Peace Corps, 10 Causeway St., Rm. 450, Boston, MA 02222.

News & Notes From James Clark PTO

September events at James Clark School start with our fall fundraiser which began on September 16th and goes to September 28th. Cherrydale Farms is the company again this year. "Back to School" night is Tuesday, September 22nd at 6:30 p.m. We are looking for people to either bake or buy snacks for this evening.

Please call Maria Lynch at 786-7809 or Angela DePalo at 789-7577 if you can help.

School pictures have been changed to Friday, September 25th. Order envelopes will be sent home on September 21st.

New members for the PTO board are Sherry Carter, treasurer; and Peggy Cowell and Jane Chlastawa, Ways & Means.

Thanks to all of you for volunteering! Finally, please remember, there is no parking in the cafeteria side lot during school hours. Parking will be allowed on the grassy areas while the construction continues on the gym.

Junior High PTO To Hold Meeting On Mon., Sept. 28th

The Agawam Junior High School PTO welcomes seventh- and eighth-grade students and their parents to the 1998-99 school year.

Officers for this year include Sue Hamlett, president; Leslie Young, 1st vice president and fundraiser coordinator; Mary Lee Bertrand, 2nd vice president; Deb Sekula, treasurer; and Paula Figella, Secretary.

All parents with children at the Junior High School are automatically members of the PTO. The first meeting of this year's PTO will be held on Monday, September 28th at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. All interested parents and teachers are invited to attend. Subsequent meetings will be held on the last Monday of the month.

Kick-off of the QSP Fundraiser will be held on September 24th. The students will be selling magazines, CD's, and tapes. This is the only fundraiser we do all year, so please help support our school activities.

Look for future PTO news in *The Agawam Advertiser* as well as posted on the school entrance sign and on the Junior High School's website.

Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, September 21st: Cheese-topped pizza, tossed garden salad with spinach greens & dressing, chilled peaches, milk.

Tuesday, September 22nd: Hamburg with gravy on whipped potatoes, seasoned green beans, bread & butter, chocolate brownie, milk.

Wednesday, September 23rd: Rotini with meatsauce, Italian bread & butter, seasoned broccoli cuts, chilled diced pears or blueberry jello with topping, milk.

Thursday, September 24th: Oven-baked chicken nuggets with honey, oven potato wedges with catsup, seasoned mixed vegetables, bread & butter, chocolate pudding with topping, milk.

Friday, September 25th: School-made meatballs with tomato sauce, buttered macaroni, Italian bread & butter, niblet corn, fruit cup or jello with topping, milk.

Jr. High's Magazine Sale To Kick-Off On September 24th

The Agawam Junior High School magazine sale will kick-off on September 24th. This is the only fundraiser the school holds, and your support would be greatly appreciated.

The PTO is still looking for able volunteers to help with checking the orders, etc. If you think that you can help, please contact Lesley Young at 786-3785.

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If this describes you, what should you do? Acknowledge your sin and your inability to save yourself. Call on Jesus Christ. Place your trust in Him as the Savior who died for you, asking Him for the gift of forgiveness of sin (Eph. 2:8-10). The Bible says:

As many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name. — John 1:12

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Sports

Coaching A New Sport At AHS...

Pat Demers Talks About Volleyball's "Net" Worth

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The new Agawam High girls' volleyball program will be run by Coach Pat Demers of Agawam. She is 66 years-old and has been around the game for most of her life. At the age of 14, Demers began playing for the Springfield Turnverein. "Back then, we went all over New England. We were very good and everyone wanted to play us," she smiled.

The coach also noted that these days, it isn't unusual for many junior volleyball players to travel 400-500 miles for a weekend tournament.

She also coached the Turnverein and the USA Men's team in 1987 out in Tucson, Arizona. In 1970, Demers became an official and an international scorekeeper. Her duties in that capacity included the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles, the International Sports Festival, and the 1993 Goodwill Games in Buffalo, New York.

In 1984, she worked the first USA Cup, which was hosted by the City of Springfield. Demers is also the director of Volleyball for the Massachusetts Special Olympics.

Her son, Paul, an excellent volleyball player in his own right, is her assistant coach. While Demers masterminds the team, he handles the teaching and on-floor duties.

A Sport For Life

She says of the game, which first saw the light of day back in 1895 in the City of Holyoke, "It's a sport you can play just about all your life. It's very team-oriented. And if you happen to be a young

Gymnastics Preview...

Brownies Ready To "Tumble" With Competitors

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Last year the Agawam High gymnastics team went 10-1 and tied for the top spot in the Valley League. They went on to win the Western Mass. championship, and it looks like they are primed for a repeat performance this season. "We have a very talented group coming back," Coach Angela Sullivan admitted.

All-Western Mass. performer and co-captain **Lindsey Hadden** will headline the all-star cast. Unfortunately, Hadden has a bad knee. But she doesn't let it stop her. (She had it last season and still produced.) "The knee, right now, is about 80 percent. Barring a setback, we expect she'll be 100 percent by mid-season," Sullivan said. Hadden will compete on the uneven bars and when she's ready, the floor.

The other co-captain, senior **Lisa Marsh**, came to the team as a sophomore. Her training is in dance. "Lisa earned her stripes with us. She never competed in gymnastics. She is great on the floor and came in fifth in Western Mass. last year on the beam. Lisa has natural talent," Sullivan noted.

Senior **Amanda Peters** will be a utility player. "Amanda is the type of athlete every team needs, no matter what the sport. She can fill in everywhere and do it well," the coach said. Peters will be especially important on the bars.

Elizabeth Clark is a sophomore. "Liz is very strong. We'll need her on the bars and the vault," Sullivan said.

Leila Sekkal is the other sophomore. "She was a big part of the program as a freshman and her role has only grown. Leila is a tremendous athlete and our prime all-arounder. We ask her to do any event, she'll do it."

The Freshman Talent...

Freshman **Michelle Cote** is a dancer. "She has such intricate steps in the floor competition. She knows how to tumble. She has a personality that can't help but please the judges and spectators. I'm just happy to have her with us," Sullivan smiled. Cote will also compete on the beam.

Crystal Hersey is a freshman and Cote's friend. "Crystal is also a dancer who will do the floor exercises. She will surprise a lot of people with her routine."

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PAT DEMERS (right), the coach of the new Agawam High School girls' volleyball team, speaks with one of the officials prior to the start of last Friday's game versus Pioneer Valley Regional. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

person and very good, you can bet, whether you know it or not, that someone from the National Team has their eye on you. They are always looking for talent."

Her Agawam High team is, of course, brand new. "Coaching them is a big job. They are com-

pletely enthusiastic, but totally inexperienced. However, they are very athletic and willing to learn. It will take a couple of years for them to raise their game, but all the ingredients are there to make the program one of the best in Western Massachusetts," she said.

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Despite Season-Opening Loss, AHS's Volleyball Team Shows Spunk And Promise

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

It might be too ambitious at the time to have thought the new Agawam High girls' volleyball team had any chance last Friday afternoon against visiting Pioneer Valley Regional. After all, Pioneer has been playing the game for over 19 seasons. The Brownies are the new kids on the block. You see, this is the first year the school has had a volleyball program and last Friday was the first varsity game ever for AHS.

Pioneer ended up winning, 15-4, 15-1. For all their inexperience, and there is plenty of it, the neophyte Brownies were spunky enough. But Pioneer had girls who were as high as an elephant's eye and polished when it came to the skills of the game.

A Yearling Team

"We really only have one girl who has had any playing time," new Agawam volleyball Coach Pat Demers admitted. Demers has been around the game for many years, however. So she did what any good, veteran coach with a yearling team does - she coached. And while her kids took a beating, she readily understood it was a baptism of fire, which will only help them down the rocky road they'll have to travel for awhile.

For the record books, freshman Amanda Brown had the first serve in competition for the Brownies. "Yeah, I know. But we didn't score," she noted. When informed that on her second service try they did, she brightened up.

Pioneer had a 13-0 lead when the Brownies scored for the first point of their program. At that stage of the game, Agawam would go on a 4-0 run to make it 13-4 before falling, 15-4.

Agawam would fall, 15-1 in the second set. Many of the Brownies showed well, considering. Among them were Brownie freshmen Lissa Asta-Ferrero and Erin Corbin, and senior Shelley Rose.

Among the members of the team was senior Barbara Maloni, who had played soccer last fall. She is also a newcomer to the game. "This is only my second week playing volleyball," she smiled. Maloni admitted that some of the finer points of the game are tough to pick up. "Bumping is



AHS SENIOR BARBARA MALONI, a newcomer to the game of volleyball. Advertiser

News photo by Dave Rollins.

tough," she said, referring to the maneuver where a player must defend against a spike or set up a shot with both hands clasped together. Receiving the serve is also tough, she noted. One thing she doesn't have much trouble with is spiking - maybe because of her leaping ability refined through basketball.

The Brownies are now 0-1 on the young season.

LINDSEY HADDEN AND LISA MARSH, the captains of the 1998 gymnastics team at AHS. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

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Sara Tremblay is another freshman. She has a world of experience. "Sara has been and is training to be a competitive, world-class gymnast. She works at a private club in the area. Sara can do everything, but we will probably try to get her involved in three events, though I'm not sure just what they'll be right now," Sullivan said.

"Once again, we have so many quality kids. They are so good that even in our practices, they compete against each other. This is my third year coaching Agawam gymnastics. We never seem to have a great turnout, but the ones we get are great," Sullivan smiled.

GYMNASTICS NOTE: The team will open their season on Tuesday, September 22nd, at home against Hampshire Regional and Chicopee Comp. Meet time is 6:30.

Space Still Available For BP Golf Tourney

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

This is the fourth year now that the Berkshire Power Golf Tournament will be held at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course. Its purpose is simple - raise money for Agawam High athletics.

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In Schoolgirl Soccer Action...

Brownies Bow To Ludlow, 3-2; Despite Loss, Coach Murray Pleased With AHS's Performance

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Year in and year out, Ludlow High has had one of the strongest soccer programs (both boys' and girls') in Western Mass.

So, it's no wonder they are a marked team every place they go. Agawam High had them marked last Thursday evening, September 10th, at Harmon Smith Field, but just missed, losing in a dogfight, 3-2. The intense battle wasn't lost on Lions Coach Jim Calheno according to Brownie mentor Mary Murray. "He told me when it was over that they don't like playing at our place and that he felt lucky to come away with that win."

Indeed, this one was actually two contests, with the first half going to the Lions, 2-0 and the second to Agawam, 2-1. Unfortunately for the Brownies, soccer isn't tennis and you don't get a third set. Ludlow came out strong, working the wings with its excellent passing game. Agawam's defense, led by juniors Dianna DiStefano and Sheri Benton was severely tested for almost five minutes before the offense was able to break into the Ludlow zone. Amanda Tilden managed a hard shot from 20 feet in front, but Lions keeper Michelle Mateus gobbled it up.

Then it was more Ludlow as it dribbled and passed the ball back into the Brownie zone. They were met early by senior captain Jess Dutton, wing Gina Loudfoot, and midfielder Melissa Cote, who fought hard to clear the attackers from the shooting lanes. One drive did get through, however. It was stopped five feet before the goal-mouth on a sliding save by senior keeper Franca Bonavita. It would be one of 16 stops she would have on the evening.

Ludlow had spent almost seven of the first eight minutes engaged in a furious foray into the Agawam zone. That kind of pressure can cause even the most stable defense to wobble a bit. At 31:13, a nifty move and a nice shot from the left corner of the box skipped over Bonavita's head for Ludlow's first score of the game.

Brownies Get The Message

The Brownies got the message and mounted an attack of their own. Loudfoot got off a shot on the Lions' net at 29:50. Twenty seconds later, she almost hooked in a corner kick. But Agawam couldn't sustain its offensive momentum. The result - another rush by the Lions. It was turned away by a host of Agawam defenders, led by DiStefano and senior fullback Kara Tierney.

Agawam had a great opportunity at the 25 minute mark. A Jill Gendron lead pass found Jen Lyman streaking down the center of the field, 50 feet from the Lion goal. The shot just missed to the right.

It seemed Ludlow had an answer for every Agawam attack. Despite some tough defense by fullback Kerry McGeoghan, Lyman, Gendron, and Ann Paquette, the Lions scored again, at 23:29 on a drop pass 15 feet in front of the Brownie net, making it 2-0, visitors.

With nine minutes to go, the Brownies experienced a moment that was less than magical. The Lions' Nicole Gebo stole the ball just before midfield and, with the nearest defender 10 feet astern, headed for the Agawam net. It was another gut check for Bonavita. The senior came

out to cut down the angle and made a point blank save. The Brownie defense continued to toughen up behind Benton, Paquette, Katie Shannon, and most promising sophomore Amanda Merola. It was 2-0, Ludlow, at the half. Both teams had five shots on goal.

Even if you didn't know a soccer ball from a meatball, it was obvious changes were in order. Murray made them. "I told the kids at the break that they had to stop reacting and act." She was referring to the fact that the Ludlow passing game was working because the locals weren't challenging the Lion attackers. The Brownies had to endure one more Ludlow score, though, before they got it in gear. With 2:15 gone in the second half, a Lion shot found its way over Bonavita's head and into the back of the net, giving the visitors a 3-0 advantage.

Brownies On The Board

Agawam got that one back 1½ minutes later on a pretty play. Amanda Tilden raced down the right wing and launched a 20-yard crossing pass to Gina Loudfoot, who was lurking five feet from the left post. The junior gently tipped the ball home for her first goal of the season and the Brownies were on the board.

Agawam was on the move again with just over 13 minutes gone. The effort produced a slam bang goal involving three Brownies.

Sophomore Courtney Adamczyk had beaten the defender on the left wing and was looking for a teammate on a crossing pass. She hit speedy junior Marie Buendo 15 feet out, who was instantly triple teamed. Buendo spotted Pam Gervais sliced towards the right point. She passed the ball out to Gervais and the junior, who'd missed summer soccer because of an injury, lofted one into the Lions' net. Now only a point separated the two teams.

Bonavita Up To The Challenge

One aspect of Ludlow's game is the fact that they aren't afraid to shoot. But Bonavita was up the challenge in the second half, stopping all 11 Lion shots, including two great saves on breakaways. However, the Brownie offense, despite their about face, couldn't generate the tying score and the locals fell to 1-1 on the season. Ludlow stood at 1-0. Agawam had four second-half shots for a game total of nine. Ludlow had a total of 16 shots on net and regained the territorial advantage for most of the game's final 20 minutes.

Murray was smiling despite the loss. "In the first half, we were tentative. You can't do that against a team as good as they are. But the second half saw us raise the level of our game. That was nice."

BROWNIE NOTE: Though it's always hard to pick a star of the game, we decided, for this one, it was keeper **Franca Bonavita**. She stepped up and made some timely saves on some very good shooters.

JV RESULT - The junior varsity lost to the young Lions, 1-0.



LEADING THE AHS girls' varsity soccer team (from left to right): Assistant Coach Lisa Tassone, captain Jessica Dutton, and Head Coach Mary Murray. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AHS Wrestling Booster Club Slates Sept. 19th Car Wash

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AHS Golfers Bring Record To 3-0 With Win Over Chicopee

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High golf team ran its record to 3-0 with a 15-3 win over Chicopee High last Thursday afternoon at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course.

Because of a tournament being played on the front nine that day, the schoolboys used the back nine, something they rarely do. While the back nine is usually considered a bit easier than the front, on this day, with a strong headwind making things slightly more difficult, holes 10 through 18 played tough.

Chris Rousseau and Shawn Biebel went off at one and two, respectively, for the Brownies. Freshman Bill Menard and Bill Gensheimer were at three and four. The five and six spots filled by sophomore Andy Green and Ryan Morgan, a junior.

Rousseau Shoots Low Score For The Day

Low score for the day went to Rousseau, a two over par 37. He was up against the Pacers' number one guy, Nick Brown. Rousseau was one up through the 11th. Brown ran into trouble on the 12th as his draw found the scrub brush on the left-hand side of the fairway, 210 yards out. Rousseau crushed it slightly left, and 260 yards long. Rousseau's second shot landed 10 feet from the pin. Brown flew the green by five yards.

Meanwhile, Biebel was into it with Chicopee's number two guy, junior Ryan Gagne. Both of them were on the green in two. Rousseau missed a birdie opportunity. Biebel made a bogey as did Brown. Gagne saved par. Rousseau was two up on his man when he bogeyed the par three 13th, losing a stroke to Brown's par. Gagne gave up a shot with a bogey to Biebel's par.

The 14th, usually a par four, but playing to a three because of some problems on the fairway, saw the two Brownies come up with pars. The Pacers settled for bogey fours.

The 15th at Agawam is a par three, 145-yard hole. Rousseau and Brown grabbed pars. Biebel and Gagne suffered bogey fours. After six holes, Rousseau had a 23 and Biebel and Brown were at 25. Gagne had 27 on his card. Trouble found Brown on the par 5, 554-yard 16th, a dogleg left playing into the wind. All hit good drives, though Rousseau was 50 yards further down the fairway than everyone else. Brown's second shot hooked into the woods at the knee of the leg. It took him two shots just to get it back in the fairway. Biebel was on in three. Gagne was on four. Rousseau was 20 yards short of the green with his second shot and 10 feet from the pin with his third. Rousseau rammed it home for a bird. Biebel took a par five. Gagne recorded a five. Brown limped in with an eight.

Rousseau drove on out of bounds on the par five, 475-yard 17th and ended up with a six. Biebel and Brown managed pars. Gagne, with a monster drive, was on in two and birdied the hole. Pars for all on the 180-yard 18th saw Rousseau finish at two over 37. Biebel had a fine three over 39. Gagne came in at 40 and four over. Brown, who couldn't recover from his nightmare triple bogey at 16, carded a six over 41.

While the top two twosomes battled it out, the guys down the line were taking care of business as well. Menard shot a 39 and a plus two. Gensheimer had a 40 to his opponent's 44. Green's 38 was good for plus three. Morgan had a 39.

Coach Paul Bachini was all smiles. "We got another good round out of Shawn Biebel. And if our four, five, and six guys can continue to play like they did today, we'll be alright."

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Motivation And Experience Will Be Key Factors...

Coach Lemnah-Warner Is Optimistic About 1998 Field Hockey Season

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High field hockey team began its 1998 campaign this week. They are coming off an 8-9-1 1997 season that saw them miss the playoffs by virtue of a disappointing 3-3 tie to Minnechaug Regional in the final game.

Despite the loss of some serious firepower, including Kelli Kunkel (11 goals, 4 assists), All-Western Mass. performers **Steph Fleming** (7 goals, 11 assists), and **Allison Pratt** (7 goals, 4 assists), hope springs eternal for third-year Coach Carla Lemnah-Warner.

"We will spread the scoring duties around a little more. And we have a kid who is coming into her own in midfielder **Patty Zerra**. She had six goals and two assists last season as a junior and we expect her to be an even bigger force this year," the coach observed.

The coach also expects big things from co-captain **Heather Hughes**, who is coming back from a serious knee injury. "The knee is 100 percent. Heather has had a good pre-season and is ready to go," Warner said.

Another important part of the equation is junior keeper **Mary Elizabeth Dupelle**, who seems to have been around forever. In high school terms, she has been around for a while as Dupelle has been the varsity net-minder since her freshman year. "Those kids will be our nucleus. Players like (co-captain) **Sarah Latif**, **Danielle DeForge**, **Sarah Nacewicz**, and **Gina Cellilli**, who have all had varsity experience, will provide the support."

Motivation And Experience

Remember that old tune, "What a Difference A Year Makes"? According to the coach, what you saw last season will not be what you will see this time around. "Teams change. Sometimes they run on the skills of the players. Sometimes it is motivation that makes everything work," the coach noted, then added, "They were skilled last year. Now, they'll survive on that motivation plus a good amount of experience. Many of the kids we have now went to camp, some for the second or third time. They learned the basic skills of the game from the ground up."

Though all aspects of the game will be addressed, one will be especially addressed - midfield play. "We will be stronger off the ball in that

department," Warner said. "That is what makes your offense and defense more effective," she added.

If you've had a chance to see the team, and many will in this first week, you will immediately notice how fit they are. "That was one of our main goals during the off-season - to be in the best possible shape when training camp started. The girls are strong, both aerobically and in the strength category. They gained in the upper body in a sleek, streamlined way. There were never intimidated by anyone. They definitely won't be again this year," the coach said.

Their weakness this season, according to Warner, will be adjusting to the lack of the dominating front line due to the graduation of Fleming, Kunkel, and Pratt. "We'll change up a lot and adjust. They have the ability to do that."

The strategy for the season is simply this, according to the coach. "We will be more aggressive. We will not back off at any time. Effectively clearing the ball out of our defensive zone will be a priority. Off-the-ball play will be stressed. And we will always challenge on every play."

Key matchups, according to the coach, will be Southwick, Longmeadow, East Longmeadow, Mahar, and Palmer. "This is a crossover year for us, so we won't be playing Northampton or Greenfield. Those were tough, tough teams. But we have so many tough ones to deal with now," she said.

NOTE - Players with their uniform numbers: **Sarah Latif** (no. 7), **Heather Hughes** (no. 15), **Tara Fleming** (no. 14), **Eva Dommechawk** (no. 6), **Sarah Nacewicz** (no. 13), **Danielle DeForge** (no. 19), **Gina Cellilli** (no. 5), **Robin Przybyla** (no. 24), **Patty Zerra** (no. 8), **Jess Gotra** (no. 26), and AFS exchange student **Eva Donnerhack** from Germany. All of the above are seniors.

The juniors are as follows: **Sarah Prussman** (no. 10), **Amanda Sternowski** (no. 22), **Jenn Harvey** (no. 17), **Marissa McClaffin** (no. 24 home/no. 20 away), **Jen Pietroniro** (no. 18) and **Danielle Bachini** (no. 12) are the sophomores.

The keepers are **Mary Elizabeth Dupelle** (no. 35-25 home/25 away), and **Kristen Kocot** (no. 77 home/no. 27 away).

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Boys' Soccer...

Brownies Move Up To Smith Division For 1998 Campaign

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High boys' soccer team just might be blessed. Last season, they rung up a 9-6-4 overall record. They were the Churchill-Moriarty champions. They grabbed a playoff berth and lost, 1-0, to Central (the Western Mass. semifinalist) in the first round. It was, indeed, traumatic.

All-Western Mass., All-State, and All-New England keeper Bryan O'Quinn, who was so instrumental in getting them there and is now on the UMass soccer squad as a freshman, wept when it was over. You had to feel, even if he didn't show it, that Coach Dwight Northrup, now in his sixth season, had shed a tear in private over their '97 fortunes.

The Brownies have moved up into the Smith division, the top shelf in Division I in Western Mass. soccer that houses such local soccer powers as Ludlow and Cathedral. In fact, AHS is 0-34-6 in the past six seasons against these type of teams. Still, Northrup believes this 1998 squad has enough juice to more than just compete.

"We don't have the continuity of an O'Quinn (two goals, three assists as a field player) anymore. He was a special player who was a keeper but could play anywhere. You have to remember that in 1997, we had all kinds of people who could score."

The coach is right - no player last year was a real scoring force; they just spread the wealth. Their top senior last season was Jay Hanscom (three goals, one assist). **Dave Thomas** is back as a senior. He had six goals and one assist. **Dave Federico** returns. He had three goals and an assist. And there are so many more with varsity experience - 10 in all, with seven of them starters.

4-1 Rout Of Amherst Regional

The coach had this to say of their first game - a 4-1 rout of Amherst Regional. "I sat back and just watched them play. It was awesome. They looked to be in mid-season form."

He more than likes the strengths of this team. "We have more than any coach could hope for," Northrup said. He elaborated that defense, playing the style of soccer he wants, includes 19 guys who are on the same page and have great communication skills when they are on the field.

They do have a weakness and the coach told us about it. "When the ball gets into the air, we have to go for it. We all know a situation like that becomes header time. People can get hurt flying for the ball. We don't challenge header opportunities almost three-quarters of the time when we get them."

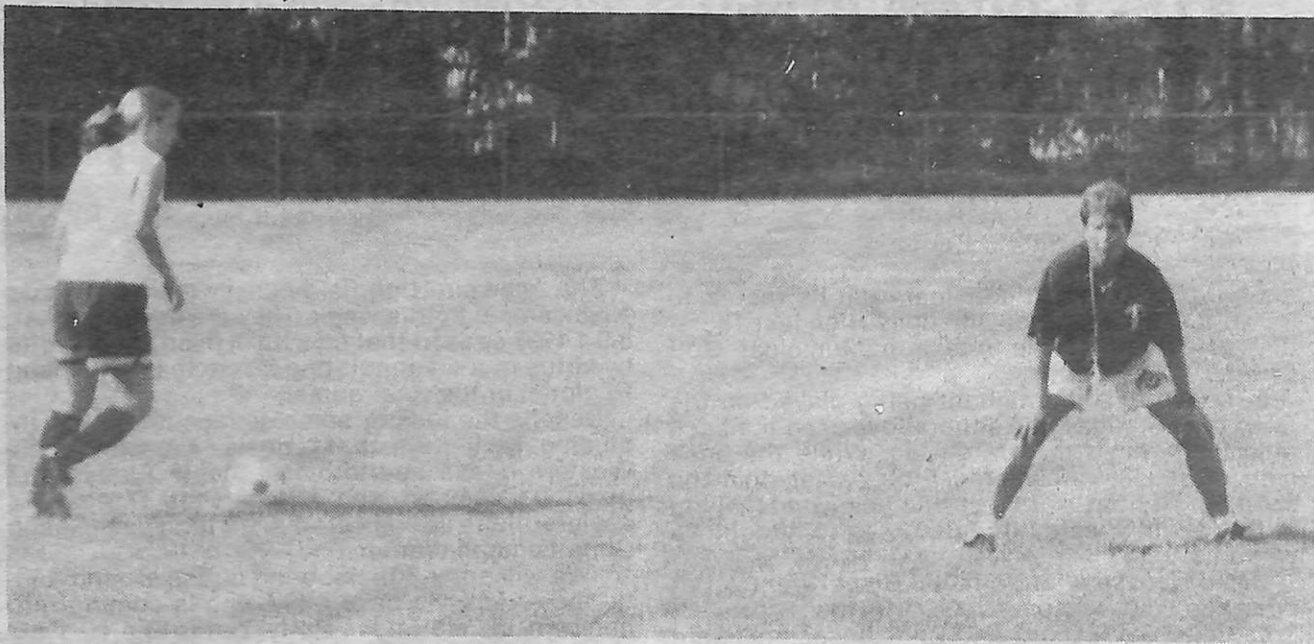
He has a very simple, yet workmanlike philosophy this season. "They are good enough to play. So, I'm going to do just that," Northrup smiled. "I can coach them during practice and I'm their varsity coach. But once they take the field, until they screw up, and I don't think that will happen very much, it is their game. I feel they are that good."

Northrup added this, "There are kids on this team who will make a huge difference. I can't name everyone, because there is no space for it. But here are some players who will help us this season - quad captain **Rich Rodriguez**, Bay State sweeper **Jay Flood**, and captain **Dave Thomas**.

"We also have those unsung heroes - kids who put in their playing time and never get noticed. I'd

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Practice, Practice — And More Practice...



MARY MURRAY (right), head coach of the Agawam High varsity girls' soccer team, watches a goalie drill during a recent practice. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

AHS Has Good Second Half...

Brownies Lose Close Contest To Cathedral, 2-1, In Schoolboy Soccer Action

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

There's not a high school soccer team in Western Mass. that doesn't want a good shot at the Cathedral High Purple Panthers.

Agawam High had that shot Monday afternoon at Harmon Smith Field. Despite some good play in the second half, the Brownies didn't quite have the horsepower to get the job done as they fell 2-1 to the visitors. "Now they know what the Smith Division is all about. It's tough and physical and the officials don't always see things your way," Agawam High Coach Dwight Northrup observed afterwards.

Tough & Physical An Understatement

Tough and physical might have been an understatement in this one. Cathedral bolted from the blocks and laid down the hammer for much of the first half. Things could have gotten ugly, score-wise, save for the efforts of the Brownie defense led by Umberto Santaniello, Brian Lopes, Jack Pearson, Brad Theriaque, sweeper Jay Flood, and a host of others.

The Panthers did manage a score with 10 minutes gone in the half. Agawam, making the effort, couldn't do much against the visitors' defenders, who were picking up the ball early and disrupting the passing lanes. What rushes they did muster were led by Barry Ward, Dave Thomas, and Brian Lopes.

The Panthers scored their second goal with 4:03 left in the half on a header 10 feet out on the left side. The half ended 2-0, Cathedral. Agawam had three first-half shots on net. Cathedral managed seven.

The Brownies were well aware that they had to get something going in the second 40 minutes. So, with a new keeper in the net, sophomore John DeCaro (replacing junior Derek Mercadante), they attempted to get their offense out of neutral.

At the 32:30 mark, Cathedral had a golden scor-

ing opportunity when a crossing pass screeched in front of the Agawam goal 20 feet out. Fortunately for the Brownies, there were no Panthers in the area or it's 3-0.

Less than three minutes later, though, the Brownie offense, attacking the ramparts of the Cathedral goal, hit paydirt at the 29:45 mark.

Junior midfielder Joe DiVirgilio, working on the left wing, lofted a pass to Brian Lopes, who had established himself five feet out in the low left side of the box. Lopes, literally using his head, bumped the ball home to make the score 2-1, Cathedral.

Now, Northrup called upon his defense to blunt any Cathedral attack and his offense to make up the difference. At 25:40, the Panthers put big time pressure on the Agawam net. DeCaro was up to it with a tough save on a blast from the left point off the foot of Kevin Ellis. Flood, Dave Federico, and Rich Rodriguez hustled the ball out of harms way and started a Brownie drive.

Ward and Lopes drove into the Cathedral zone at 23:44. Lopes, bidding for his second goal of the game, missed left on a shot that, if on, would have beaten Cathedral keeper Marty Downer.

Panther Defense Carries The Final 20

The Panthers relied on their defense to carry them for the final 20 minutes. Despite repeated rushes by the Brownies, their strategy worked. Agawam fell to 1-1 and 0-1 in the Smith Division. Cathedral goes to 2-0 and 1-0 in the league. Agawam had six second-half shots on net for a game total of nine. Cathedral took five for a total of 10.

BROWNIE NOTES: The star of the game goes to junior **Barry Ward**, who was everywhere in this one.

The JV's won, 3-1. The freshmen were victorious, 7-0, over the Panther frosh.

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Gearing Up For Season Opener...

AHS Football Team To Resume Rivalry With Greenfield

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

It has been six years since Agawam High has played Greenfield High in football. This Friday night, September 18th, in the seasonal opener, the two former AA Conference foes will renew the rivalry. Agawam is coming off a 3-6-1 season in 1997. Greenfield was 6-5 last year.

Coach Dean Vecchiarelli took a look at the Green Wave. "They are a great football town with a great football tradition. They pride themselves on a running game."

Indeed, Greenfield has two backs that will hurt a defensive line — senior fullback Josh Roberts (6'2", 230 pounds) and tailback Sam Wilson (6' 190 pounds). "They will try to run the ball down our throats. We sent our scouts up to their scrimmages, so we know what to expect," stated Vecchiarelli.

"They have no passing game that our scouts were aware of, so we will stack our defensive line. That means **Mike Wood**, **Mike Lovely**, and **Fran Ferrentino** will be called upon," the coach continued. "They have to come off the ball and take Greenfield at the point of attack. They have a small yet aggressive offensive line, so we should do well there. Our linebackers — **Brian Gallagher**, **Bob Fuller**, and **Marc Pedraza** — will have to be the big hitters we all know they are."

Agawam will be just as brutal on offense (with a twist, according to the coach). "They will play a 4-4 defense against us. We are ready for that. They will blitz all game long. (Quarterback) **Brian St. Jean** will be ready for what they want to do," said Vecchiarelli.

Running The Option...

What the coach means is what they've been doing in practice — running the option. St. Jean, at quarterback, can run the ball (20 carries, 162 yards, 1 TD last year). He is a force on the ground that they will utilize this season.

"We realized from his sophomore year that Brian can run the football anywhere and anytime," Vecchiarelli remarked.

As was demonstrated by his 956 yards on 211 carries and 12 TD's last year, senior Brian Gallagher will be the perfect person in the wing offense.

"We hope to spread out the defense so each of them can contribute. I can see both of them getting a substantial amount of yards in this game, especially Brian (Gallagher), because the defense will have a problem trying to stop him in the open field," said the coach.

"We are looking at a 500-yard and a 1,000-yard season, respectively, for both of them," added Vecchiarelli. "This game is that important to get us off on the right foot."

"We have enough talent to match-up with them. The key will be how well our defensive line plays. If they do the job, we win," concluded the coach.

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like to notice them," the coach said. He proceeded to name junior midfielder **Joe DiVirgilio**, senior fullback **Brian Machos**, and junior forwards **Barry Ward** and **Brian Lopes**.

As for the Brownies' move to the rough-and-tumble Smith division, Northrup isn't bothered by this change: "Why should it bother me? We get the schedule and we play it. People make a big deal out of the realignment. We've met all the teams in the Smith (Cathedral, Central, Longmeadow, Ludlow, and West Springfield).

He also downplayed the Brownies' previous record against the Smith clubs. "So, should we quit? I don't think so. This team is up for that challenge," he stressed.

ROSTER NOTES: Seniors include **Dan Balbony** (no. 10), **Peter Bitzas** (no. 4), **Adam Blair** (no. 2), **Dave Federico** (no. 20), **Jay Flood** (no. 8), **Dave Gallerani** (no. 16), **Brian Machos** (no. 15), **Rich Rodriguez** (no. 11), **Umberto Santaniello** (no. 13), **Dave Thomas** (no. 12).

These are juniors: **Jonathan Ashwell** (no. 7), **Joe DiVirgilio** (no. 24), **Tim Faust** (no. 17), **Brian Lopes** (no. 3), **Jack Pearson** (no. 6), **Derek Mercadante** (no. 18), **Brad Theriaque** (no. 18), **Barry Ward** (no. 5).

The lone sophomore is **John DeCaro** (no. 21).

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A Look At AHS's Cross Country Athletes...



BACK ROW: Jerry Maloni, Steven Messina, Joe Case, and Coach Bill Dillon. **THIRD ROW (standing):** Ashley Guiel, Janet Jock, Kaila Larivee, Tiffany Scaife, Christine Campbell, Adam Sprague, and Anthony Goodrow. **SECOND ROW (kneeling):** Natalie Wayte, Stephanie Pettazzoni, Jennifer Roda, Valerie Siedlik, Katie Theroux, and Jillian Rouvellat. **FRONT ROW:** Captains Kelly Willett, Jason Gagne, and Kristin Pisano. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE SENIOR CROSS COUNTRY ATHLETES (from left to right): Kelly Willett, Christine Campbell, Katie Theroux, Coach Bill Dillon, Jillian Rouvellat, Jason Gagne, and Kristin Pisano. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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The Agawam Parks and Recreation Department Office is located at Agawam High School, 760 Cooper St. (right driveway, rear entrance). Office hours are Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The telephone number is 821-0514.

Cancellations and postponements will be announced on the Recreation Department recording, 821-0514. The department reserves the right to set a maximum for each class and to cancel any class due to insufficient registration.

No unregistered person may attend classes at any time. No babysitting is provided for any programs. Children must be of correct age before class begins.

INSURANCE

The Town of Agawam does not carry insurance to cover hospitalization or medical costs for anyone injured while participating in or watching any of our Parks and Recreation programs. **Please note: You enter our programs at your own risk.

The Town of Agawam Parks and Recreation Department is not responsible for any personal belongings which are lost, stolen, or damaged while participating in or watching any of our activities.

ADULT PROGRAMS

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL: "Fun," recreation program begins September 21st and runs for 10 weeks at the AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL. Monday, 6:45 p.m.-8:45 p.m., \$25/10 weeks or \$3/night.

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL: Competitive, recreational program begins September 29th and runs for eight weeks at the AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL. Tuesday, 7:00-9:00 p.m., \$20/8 weeks or \$3/night.

CO-ED VOLLEYBALL: Competitive, recreational program begins September 29th and runs for eight weeks at the AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL. Tuesday, 7:00-9:00 p.m., \$20/8 weeks or \$3/night.

DROP-IN BASKETBALL: Supervised drop-in basketball program for RESIDENTS ONLY begins October 19th at the AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL. Participants must be 18 years or older. Proof of age and residency is required for admittance to the program: Monday & Wednesday, 7:00-9:00 p.m., \$2/night.

WALKING GROUP: Anyone interested in walking for exercise is asked to contact the Recreation Office. The program is coordinated by Officer Karen Langevin and participants meet weekly to walk at the AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL.

Registration for Women's Men's, and Co-Ed Volleyball will be accepted the first night of the

program at the gyms. Registration for Drop-In Basketball is not necessary. The drop-in fee is payable to the site supervisor per visit.

INFORMATION NUMBERS

Fall Softball League - Winston Lee, 781-8186;
Men's Over 30 Basketball League - Bob Lottermoster, 786-8639.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

PIRANHA'S SWIM TEAM: The Agawam Recreation Department sponsors a competitive swim team for children ages five through 18. The winter session begins October 13th at the AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL POOL. Registration will be held at the Agawam Public Library Community Room on Tuesday, September 22nd.

coaching is asked to call the Recreation Office.

INSTRUCTIONAL BASKETBALL: Participants will learn the fundamentals of basketball. The program will meet on Saturday mornings and is open to children in grades one and two or who will be six years-old as of January 1, 1999. Registration will be held on Thursday, October 15th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA. Any adult interested in coaching is asked to call the Recreation Office.

YOUTH WRESTLING: The Youth Wrestling Club will hold their registration on Monday, October 5th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Agawam Library Community Room. The program is open to children in grades four through 12. Fee: \$50. For more information, call Dan Sullivan at 786-6365 or Kirk Parker at 786-6604.

RECREATIONAL SWIM: Public swim will be held at the AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL POOL beginning September 21st: Monday, 7:00-8:45 p.m., \$2 (6 yrs. & up); \$1 (under 6 yrs).

Disposable diapers or floating devices are not allowed in the pool. Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

INFORMATION NUMBERS

Agawam Athletic Association, Bob Hersey, 786-2979; Agawam Basketball Organization, Steve Fox, 789-2425; Agawam Soccer Association, Dave Shaw, 786-0899; Agawam Youth Football, Kirk Parker, 786-6604.

TNN Motor Madness To Broadcast Live From Riverside Park

Riverside Park Speedway and The Nashville Network (TNN) will broadcast the Auto World "Back to School Bash" as part of TNN's Motor Madness series. This nationally televised event will take place at Riverside Park Speedway on Friday, September 18th at 8:00 p.m.

"This event is a win-win situation for all of us involved," says Riverside Park Speedway Director of Auto Racing Joe Lewandoski. "The fans, the competitors, and the network will all enjoy a great event," continued Lewandoski. Although the full Park will not be open, Riverside Park has included the Hellevator, the Thunderbolt, and other attractions in the price of admission on September 18th. The gates will open at 6:00 p.m.

The format of the event will include four rounds of "Quick Draw Qualifying." Each round consists of three "Shootouts." The three-minute long "Shootouts" will involve five to six cars battling each other in a fast, extremely competitive qualifier. The "Shootouts" will give the television and the live audiences a chance to see more action and more automotive mayhem in each round.

"We are very excited to be at Riverside Park Speedway for the first time. Our Motor Madness Series has been very popular and we are confident that the fans at Riverside Park will add to that success," says Mark Kuchan, Director of Motor Sports for TNN - The Nashville Network. "We are also very happy to be a part of Riverside Park Speedway's 50th Anniversary season," continued Kuchan.

The 12 "Shootout" winners will advance to the final round at the end of the night. The winner will receive \$2,500. The top three finishers in that final round will be invited to the "Inter Galactic Crunch-Off II" in Wichita, Kansas. This event is considered the world championship of demolition derby and organizers expect competitors from around the United States, Canada, and beyond.

TNN Motor Madness is entering its second successful year of production. Riverside Park Speedway, celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 1998, hosts a total of 45 events this season, ranging from the NASCAR Winston Racing Series to The Hartford Courant Thrills and Spills Series.

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Outdoors New England

by Kent Servis
Outdoor Writer

Fall Fishing Bonanza

With summer drawing to a close, the fall fishing bonanza is just around the corner.

Moderate temperatures and better water levels in our rivers and streams will make for a great fall fishery.

Freshwater anglers will find trout more cooperative and the Division's fall stocking program will add to the holdover trout population that has eluded anglers this summer.

Saltwater fanatics can look forward to the best striper and bluefish action of the year. As the stripers and blues begin their annual fall migration to southern waters, they are feeding heavily and the largest fish of the year will be available and hungry!

The eight- to 10-pound blues of early season will be returning as 12- to 18-pound slammers as they migrate south.

Big stripers will be making their way down from southern Maine and the North Shore around the Cape and into Rhode Island and Long Island Sound waters. This is the best time of the year to score a 50-plus fish!

Offshore fishermen can look forward to what we hope will be a good fall tuna season. Yellowfin and albacore will be the primary targets, with a few big eye tuna thrown in. Shark action should also pick up as Mako's, blues, and others migrate south with the cooling water temperatures.

The biggest problem facing many of us is whether or not to trade the rod and reels for shotguns and rifles.

If you plan your agenda carefully and can convince your spouse or significant other that a combo hunting and fishing weekend is just good sense, a real bonanza is in store! Hunt on Saturday and fish on Sunday.

The doctors keep telling us that stress is a killer, so you are just protecting your family from a



THE CREW OF THE "Yankee Captain" are shown rigging trolling baits.

tragic loss. If you fill your tags early in the hunting season, you can always fish on both Saturday and Sunday. Remember, preventative medicine is important. (Hint: Always leave a day open for the "other stuff." Don't try to get away with four consecutive weekends.)

TUNA TRIP ON TAP

There are still a couple of openings for the three-day tuna trip with the Yankee Captains. The trip leaves at 10:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 29th and returns late Friday afternoon. Call me for details or call the Yankee Captains at 1-800-942-5464.

Enjoy a safe and pleasurable weekend!

FISH REPORTS FRESH WATER

Valley lakes and ponds are still keeping the majority of lunkers in deep water. Deep jigging and trolling with downriggers, wire, or leadcore is still the most productive methods.

Quabbin has been producing some nice lakies. Salmon have been taken with trolling spoons and No. 11S Rapala's. The salmon have been holding 35-50 feet down over 100-plus feet of water.

The Connecticut River now has some water in it and once the fish figure out where they want to be, bass fishing should be more productive. Jig

and pig combos fished around bridge supports have been producing some dandy smallmouth action as well as some respectable largemouth.

Stream anglers are still finding some holdover trout, but they are spooky. A careful approach to the bank, keeping a low profile, is important.

SALT WATER

Stripers and blues are beginning to "bulk up" for the upcoming migration. Cape Cod and the Islands are producing some big bass, and large schools of choppers have been sighted. The East Grounds off of Block Island as well as the Montauk Rips, the Race, and Plumb Gut have been producing.

Surf fishermen have been scoring on both bass and blues from the beaches of the Cape to the breachways of Rhode Island. Check the tide tables and moon phases before planning your trip. Strong tides have been the secret to better catches.

Offshore action should be breaking open. Later in the season, a daytime chunk bite for tuna should develop and the ensuing action could be absolutely terrific.

Sharking should also pick up a little closer inshore as the water cools.

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Pioneer Valley Soccer Round-Up

The Lightning "Strikes" At Riverside Classic

U13 Girls - "Agawam Lightning"

The Agawam Lightning recently participated in the 14th Annual Riverside Classic Soccer Tournament held Labor Day Weekend. The Lightning were planning to play hard and have fun.

The Lightning were placed in the toughest grouping in the largest division of the Riverside Classic. The division was comprised of 17 teams out of a total of 120 teams from all over New England which participated in the tournament.

The Lightning did, indeed, play hard and had fun, but they also managed to win first place in the Under 13 Division.

The opening game had the Lightning play West Hartford, Connecticut. After spotting their opposition 1-0, and then 2-1 leads, the Lightning came roaring back to win the game 4-2. Goalscorers included Amanda Janik with two goals, and single tallies by Meghan Kelly and Katherine Bitzas. This was an exciting early morning game which was highlighted by Meghan Ennis' tenacious play at wing.

The second game on Saturday pitted the Lightning against Portland, Maine. The Lightning controlled most of the play with their excellent passing and brave defense. The Lightning prevailed, 3-0, with Amanda Janik scoring two goals and Meghan Kelly, one goal. At the end of Saturday's schedule, the team knew that they had a chance to become a part of history, as only very few Agawam teams have ever won first place in this tournament.

That Saturday night, many of the Lightning players and parents worked at the UMass Minutewomen v. Arizona State University soccer game, which was one of the highlights of the weekend.

On Sunday morning, the Lightning were paired against Nashua, New Hampshire. The Nashua team was ready to play, but the Lightning 2-0, with the help of Amanda Janik's torrid shooting.

The last game on Sunday was against Natick, MA. This was a rematch from last season's tournament. Natick wanted to revenge their last second loss from the year before, but could not beat the Lightning. Goals were scored by Amanda Janik, Ashley Smith, and Sara Skolnick. Once again, it was a total team effort that led to this victory.

The Lightning were now primed for the semifinals. They played Chicopee AJAC, who put forth a strong effort, but were out-gunned by the Lightning, 6-0, on goals by Amanda Janik, Meghan Ennis, Meghan Gloster, Katherine Bitzas, and Sara Skolnick.

The finals now loomed ahead for the Lightning. They faced Amherst, MA for the championship. Both teams played at a high level of skill and intensity. The game ebbed and flowed in the first half, with both sides having opportunities to score, but the half ended in a 0-0 tie.

The Lightning opened the second half of the finals with even more vigor and determination. Amanda Janik absolutely crushed a shot for a goal. Momentum was definitely with the Lightning as they continuously pressed their attack and nullified any offensive chances for Amherst.

The Lightning kept playing at a high level of skill. Amanda Janik scored two more goals and the championship was secured, 3-0. As a note of sportsmanship, the Agawam Lightning and Amherst Hurricanes took pictures and went out for ice cream together after battling each other during the championship game.

Throughout this exciting Labor Day soccer tournament, the Lightning displayed tremendous shooting, accurate passing, and strong defense by scoring an amazing 22 goals and record five consecutive shutouts.

The entire team contributed to this championship. Meghan Kelly and Megan Gloster were sensational in goal and on the field. Laura Pedersen, Tory Lyons, and Jen Miarecki were solid at fullback. Bethany Reid directed the defense at fullback. Ashley Smith, Caitlin Foley, Allison Siedlik, Lina Moysis, Sara Skolnick, and Rachel Keenan were sensational at halfback. Meghan Ennis, Joanne Brignoli, Katherine Bitzas, and Amanda Janik were dynamic at forward. The girls displayed their versatility by playing various positions when needed. They played with enthusiasm, commitment, and skill.

This truly was a tournament which will be remembered with fond memories by all for a long time to come. The coaches wish to thank all the players, families, and fans for their support and work throughout the preparation for the tournament and the tournament itself.

A special thank you goes out to the team's



MEMBERS OF THE "Agawam Lightning," the U13 girls' championship team at this year's Riverside Classic Soccer Tournament: front row - Bethany (Badger) Reid, Caitlin (Pebbles) Foley, Meghan (Cuz) Kelly, Megan (Bam-Bam) Gloster, Katherine (Bitz) Bitzas with mascot "Enzo - the Wonder Dog," Joanne (Jo) Brignoli, and Pavlina (Beans) Moysis; middle row - Sara (Moose) Skolnick, Ashley (Smitty) Smith, Tory (Taz) Lyons, Laura (The Rock) Pedersen, Amanda (Mindy) Janik, Allison (Sonic) Siedlik, Rachel (Rach) Keenan, Meghan (Slick) Ennis, and Jennifer (Psycho) Miarecki; back row - Coaches Scott Skolnick, Dimitri Moysis, and Don Smith.

"Lucky Leprechaun," Agawam Comets Coach Mike Kennedy and his family for rooting the Lightning on at each and every game. They exemplify the support that all Agawam teams should show each other.

Lastly, the team wishes to thank Tournament Director Jim Stevenson and all the many people who contributed to making this a successful tournament, not only for the Lightning, but for all the teams that participated.

U10 Girls - "Agawam Twisters"

The girls' U10 Agawam Twisters of the Pioneer Valley Soccer League played two hard-fought games last weekend.

Playing at home on Saturday, the girls defeated a sharp AJAC Spice team from Chicopee by the score of 2-1. Stephanie Obue and Cassie Ashwell scored goals for the Twisters, while Natalie Honsinger played an outstanding game at fullback. "The girls all showed a lot of aggressiveness and teamwork," Assistant Coach Steve Ashwell said.

On Sunday, the Twisters travelled to Ludlow for a game against the Ludlow Fire Dragons and battled to a 3-3 tie. Brittany Degray, Heather Coache, and Christina Bertrand scored the goals for the Twisters. "They all played tough, and everyone contributed today," Coach Mike Obue said of his team, which has been playing strong and steady in the opening weeks of the season.

U10 Boys - "Ballhogs"

On Saturday, September 12th, the Agawam Ballhogs faced Westfield in a tough match, losing 2-1. While Westfield scored their first goal within five minutes of the start of the game, strong defensive playing by Thomas Albano and Alfredo Septembre kept the pressure on. In the second half, left wing Ryan Wytrych scored the Agawam goal, assisted by sweeper Steven Donah. Both Ryan Wytrych and center Anthony Palma had numerous shots on goal.

On Sunday, September 13th, the Ballhogs shut out Chicopee's AJAX, 3-0. In the first two minutes of the game, right wing Anthony Costa scored a goal, assisted by left wing Ryan Wytrych. The match continued as the Ballhogs dominated the game with more than 20 shots on goal in the last five minutes of the game. Right wing Alfredo Septembre scored an awesome goal while, seconds later (during a relentless battle for the ball), center Greg Santos snuck another goal with an assist by right wing Randy Holmes. Terrific defense by Steven Donah, Carmino Bonavita, Chris Wyman, and Thomas Albano never let up. A fine job was also turned in by the goalies, Chris Alvanos and Jason Pollack.

After week two of the fall season, their record stands at 1-1-2. Their warm-up is over!!!

U14 Girls - "Agawam Tigers"

The U14 Agawam Tigers improved to 2-2 in the rough and tough Pioneer Valley Girls Junior Soccer League's Division I after taking out much improved Northampton, 1-0, on Saturday, September 12th at Northampton High School, and Our Lady of Hope on Monday, September 14th, 2-1, at the Robinson State Park field in Feeding Hills.

Overall, the Tigers are 8-5 on the season, which includes the two tournaments they have already participated in. The Tigers have allowed just four goals in their last 11 games, including seven shutouts.

Against Northampton, a scoreless first half where the Tigers held a slight territorial advantage turned overwhelmingly to the Tigers' advantage in the final 30 minutes.

Despite playing one player short for most of the second half, the Tigers stormed the 'Hamp end. New striker Whitney Brown scored the game's only goal after wing Kaitlin Sardella crossed a ball into the middle of the box. The initial shot was taken by center-halfback Melissa Savenko and in the scramble in front, Whitney chested in the ball for her second goal of the season.

Goalie Vicky Taylor had a relatively easy time in goal as her fullback line of Danielle Cirillo, Sherri Laskowski, Tricia Fitchben, and sweeper Kim Hoague played strong, as did Ellen Rannenberg, Aimee Beaudette, and Nicole Gendreau in the midfield.

The wildly enthusiastic Our Lady of Hope team came to town on Monday and two early first half goals for the Tigers proved to be the difference. Although OLH held a slight territorial advantage, the Tigers were the ones with many more quality chances to score.

The locals hit paydirt early on when wing Jen Sharpe sent a perfect pass to wing Kaitlin Sardella outside the box. Two quick dribbles later, the ball was in the net for her 12th goal of the campaign.

A few minutes later, forward Sabrina Brizzolari scored her first of the season in superb fashion when she rode two defenders on her back all the way to the goal and pushed it past the shocked goalkeeper.

OLH answered on a great shot from 30 yards out and from there, the up and down game continued as the locals were unable to convert on many opportunities.

Sweeper Kim Hoague, fullbacks Danielle Cirillo, Tricia Fitchben, and Sherri Laskowski played well once again for the winners.

All the local sports news with us, every and every week...

Agawam Wins Baseball Tourney In Swk.



AN UNDER-9 BASEBALL TOURNAMENT was recently held in Southwick, and teams from both Southwick and Agawam were represented in the competition. However, the Agawam Little League was the eventual champion, winning the double-elimination tournament by beating Southwick, 30-6 and 37-13. Pictured above are the members of the Agawam team: back row - Coach Dave Simpson, Coach Jerry Allen, Nick Allen, Weston Charland, Tyler Toyfair, Brian Costello, Brett Barker, Josh Barcomb, Joe Colletti, Coach Stu Randall, and Coach Ed Wytrych; front row - Coach Ted Kopyscinski, Jacob Kopyscinski, Alex Schwein, Jeff Simpson, Connor Wytrych, and Drew Randall; missing from photo - Coach Bob Schwein, Alphonse Ferrentino, and Tony Ferrentino.

Third And Fourth Graders Can Still Sign Up For 1998-1999 CYO Basketball League

Because of the outstanding response at its first sign-up, the Agawam Athletic Association will hold a second sign-up on Tuesday evening, September 22nd, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., at the Agawam Junior High Gym for third and fourth grade boys and girls who wish to participate in the 1998-1999 Catholic Youth Organization Basketball League (CYO).

These are traveling teams and the teams will compete against other third and fourth graders who are members of the CYO's Greater Springfield operation. The league is developmental and competitive. This is the first time the AAA will

enter teams in the third and fourth grade CYO League.

The AAA is a long-time member in good standing with both the boys' and girls' CYO Leagues. The AAA is a private, non-private organization comprised of volunteer coaches who live in Agawam and Feeding Hills.

For further info, call AAA President Bob Hersey at 786-2979 (between noon and 4:00 p.m., weekdays), Vice-President Scott Skolnick at 786-0111 (evenings), or Secretary Ric Sardella at 786-7747 (days) or 789-2005 (evenings).

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Parks & Rec. Dept. Taking Applications For Several Positions

The Town of Agawam's Parks and Recreation Department has announced that applications are currently being accepted for the following positions:

Water Safety Instructor, Swim Team Co-Coach, Assistant Swim Team Coach, Program Supervisors, and Basketball Officials.

Applicants must be 16 years or older to be eligible for employment. Salary ranges are dependent upon position and experience.

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Compiled by
Jim Modzelesky,
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Beginners: Tee It Up For Confidence...

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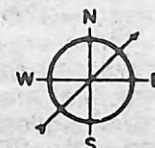
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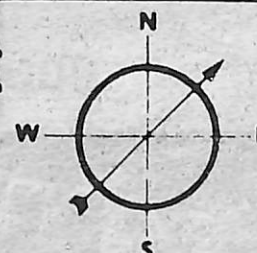
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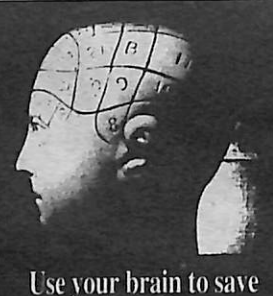
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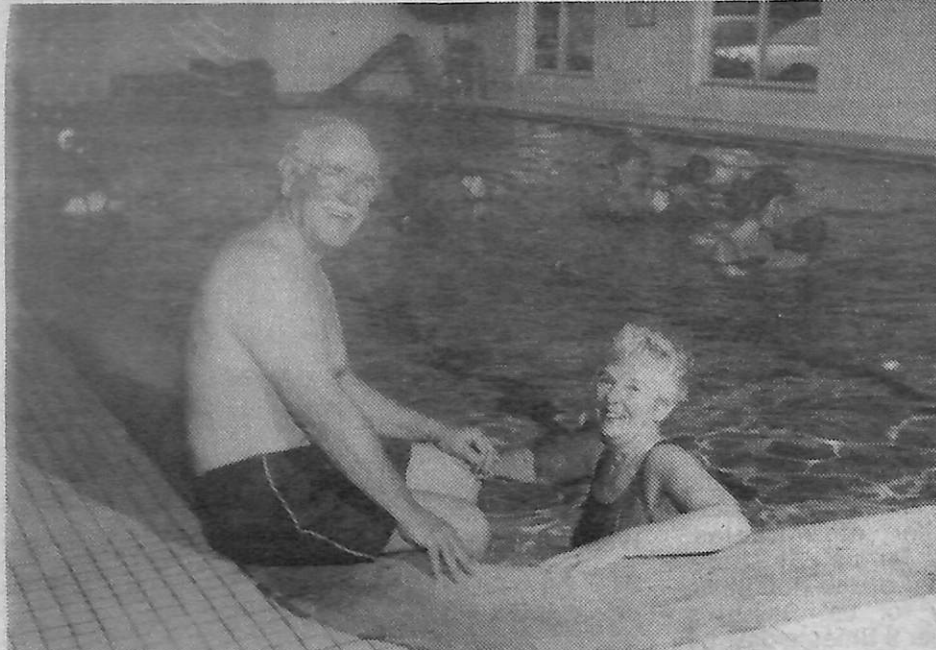
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